

Scenes from Spirit Day in Elba last Saturday



Coffee on the Keyboard

Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners

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Editor Opening Page

Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners (and others)

REGULAR MAINTENANCE WITH SCANDISK

Would you let your car go more than 5,000 miles without an oil change? Probably not. And you shouldn't let your system go more than a month without disk maintenance. All you have to do is to click your mouse 7 times and it will do the maintenance itself. I am going to show you where to do those 7 clicks.

On a regular basis, remind yourself at the beginning of each new month, use ScanDisk to check your hard disk for errors. It will also fix them (usually). Also use Disk Defragmenter to reunite the data that's scattered all over your system. Together, these routines can help ensure that your system is running much faster. To run ScanDisk, click Start, click Programs, click Accessories, click System Tools, click ScanDisk. Click the drive you want to scan, then click Standard or thorough. (Standard checks the files and folders on your hard disk. Thorough does that AND checks the drive itself for damaged or unusable areas.)

Assuming you aren't an expert at fixing drive errors, make sure "Automatically Fix Errors" is selected, then click OK. When ScanDisk finishes (it can take quite a while—especially the Thorough check), you'll see a dialog box detailing the results. But it will work while you go out to lunch and probably be there patiently blinking at you when you return.

NAMING RANGES THAT INTERSECT IN EXCEL WORKSHEETS

This might be considered a little more advanced than most raw beginners get into, but it is such a short learning curve from novice to expert I am going to include it especially because it makes something that could be complicated very easy.

In Excel you can name a range of cells. Then you can refer to that range by its name. This is easy and can be very convenient. It is easier and more meaningful to remember a designated name than coordinates. A name like "August" or "reimbursed" gives a clue as to what you are dealing with.

With named ranges you can simply tell it to subtract August from September. Also it is okay to assign names to Excel cells that belong to a group of already-named cells that intersect or overlap. If that sounds a little complex at first, bear with me, there will be times when you have a need for this.

Try this easy exercise, do this sample procedure once or twice and you will "own it." That is you will know it and be able to use it quickly and easily when you need it.

Open a blank worksheet and add some numbers to a few cells. Just go down a column putting in a number, hitting enter after another and enter and so on.

Now, select (highlight with the mouse) the cells and drag the selection to the right. To drag, after you have selected the area point the mouse to the center of it and hold the left mouse key down and you can move the entire area to a new location. This technique can also be used for moving an entire paragraph in Word.

Now, select (highlight) these cells and drag them downward. This will fill a fairly good sized area with numbers.

Next, select (highlight) a few rows across the entire group of filled cells and choose

Insert Name Define

When the Define Name dialog box opens, type a name (such as "Bob") and click Add.

Click Add, and then click OK to close the dialog box and save your new name assignment. Next, select some columns in the same set of data. Make sure your selection includes some of the previously named range.

Choose Insert Name Define

Name Define — and type a new name (such as "Chandler").

Now, click OK to close the dialog box and save your new name assignment. Next, select some columns in the same set of data. Make sure your selection includes some of the previously named range.

Let's say that you named the first range Bob and the second range Chandler as above.

Go to an empty cell and enter: =sum (Bob)

Next, move to another empty cell and enter: =sum (Chandler)

You can see that Excel doesn't care that the two named ranges intersect.

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Kendra

In another tip, we'll discuss the second part of your monthly maintenance routine, Disk Defragmenter. (You should run ScanDisk before you run Disk Defragmenter, because you can't defragment a disk with errors on it.)

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BALLARD BRIDGE ON AL HWY. 134 TO BE REPLACED WITH WIDER BRIDGE

Gov. Siegelman approves U. S. Hwy. 84 project

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

As Alabama Governor Don Siegelman made his way to the stage of the Elba High School Auditorium last Thursday for a noon press conference, he walked with confidence in knowing that the major announcement he was about to make would please the people of this community.

Many area citizens, elected officials, students and business people gathered in the nearly packed auditorium to hear Siegelman's announcement of the details of three new highway proposals that will have what he called a significant impact on the Wiregrass region of southeast Alabama.

"I came here today to announce three very important safety and economic projects for this area," Siegelman said.

In what was referred to as one of the largest construction projects this area as ever seen, Siegelman announced his approval of the plan to four-lane U.S. Highway 84 from Andalusia to Enterprise.

"This is the most ambitious non-freeway highway proposal in the state at the present time," he said. "This improvement to U.S. Highway 84 is long overdue and, without question, will have an impact on

economic development and safety in that area."

The governor said this plan includes four-lane 42 miles of the highway through Andalusia, Opp, Elba, New Brockton and Enterprise. The project is estimated to carry a cost of \$185 million and will be broken down into five design sections with 11 different construction phases.

"This project will span over the next five years," said Siegelman. "When completed, U.S. 84 will be a four-lane highway from Andalusia to the Georgia line."

Another project Siegelman announced which will have a direct effect on Coffee County, as well as, send a sigh of relief among many travelers is the replacement of the Ballard Bridge over the Pea River on Alabama Highway 134.

In January 1998, four area residents lost their lives when an accident between a fertilizer truck, gasoline carrying tractor-trailer and Blazer occurred on the bridge.

Ricky Morgan, a survivor of that fatal accident, was present during the governor's press conference and expressed his concerns about the conditions of the bridge which was a contributing factor to the accident which he took a year from his life and even more from others.

Morgan said he had wondered many times if anything would ever be done about that bridge.

"We are going to replace Ballard Bridge," Siegelman said. "You don't have to wonder if it's going to be done any longer."

The governor said the engineering work has already begun on the bridge with construction scheduled to begin in early 2001.

In a third project, Siegelman announced a 4.2 mile, \$900,000 pavement rehabilitation project for County Road 112 in Midland City. He said this rehabilitation would offer better access to Wallace College, and construction buildings were to open last Friday.

Siegelman commended area officials for making these projects possible and said the people should know of the hard work being done.

"I wanted to be here today if for nothing else than to let you know you have a great group of leaders here," he said.

The governor especially commended Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Speaker of the House Scott Hammett for all their hard work and dedication to the people of this area.

Rep. Spicer was present for the announcement, along with Holley and Hammett, and he said the

impact of the governor's announcements will pay great dividends for the county, region and state.

"This is something that the people have talked about for the last 20 years or so," Spicer said. "I feel that it is a step in the right direction to attract more attention and industry to our area."

Before departing Elba, the governor took a moment to mention the upcoming Oct. 12 election by saying, "We owe it to every child to allow them to have the best education they can get."

He compared the proposed lottery to the announcement of the road projects in that he viewed it all as economic development for the state of Alabama.

"I ask you to search your hearts today and ask yourself if there is any other way to give hundreds of millions of dollars to send our children to college tuition free," said Siegelman. "With your one vote, we can give every child the expectation that they can go to college and prosper. With your one vote, we can make Alabama the best it can be."

City's projected budget totals \$2.2 million

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council approved an operating budget for 1999-2000 with a projected income totaling \$2,147,500, up \$89,433 from the year ending today (Thursday). The increase comes largely from an increased sales tax base in Elba, with \$60,000 of the growth coming from sales and use tax. There is also a projected increase of \$10,000 in ad valorem (property) taxes within the City of Elba, and garbage fees are projected to increase by \$10,000. Local privilege licenses should increase by \$5,000 also.

Even with the increase in revenue, the City of Elba continues to depend on \$363,000 annual transfer from the Water and Electric Board to fund basic public needs.

For the first time in recent history, the proposed budget includes a reserve for emergency of \$57,300. Of course as the meeting adjourned, there was talk of how this reserve could be spent, if in fact income was as high as projected.

The new budget calls for the purchase of two new police cars and \$10,000 worth of mowing equipment for the recreation department, which has the added chore of maintaining the house lots involved in the ongoing flood buy-out program.

Also in the Capital Expenditure budget is \$65,000 to pay the city match on a CDBG grant for some additional sewer extension work.

Departments showing an increase include: capital expenditure (\$37,000); recreation (\$11,500); street department (\$7,000); fire

department (\$4,500); and appropriations (\$5,500). Mayor James Grimes explained that several items not previously listed in the appropriations budget, but funded annually, were officially listed this year.

Departments showing a decrease include: Administration (\$47,867) due largely to a drop in garbage and landfill fees and a \$15,000 drop in the cost of employee retirement and police (\$4,100).

All this included an across-the-board employee pay raise, plus some merit raises.

The council voted to appoint Larry Suley to serve on the abatement board. This brings this board up to its total membership. Also approved was a grant resolution, applying for law enforcement improvement funds from ADECA.

The application totals \$59,380 and includes a resource officer at the school, computer, software, and some other equipment.

Grimes reported the pecan trees at the North end of the airport will be trimmed, beginning this week.

The council accepted a proposal from the county commission to continue the agreement on using the Elba dog pound for a fee of \$500.

A Thank You note to the police department was read to the council. It was from a couple from Florida who had car trouble in Elba while evacuating from Hurricane Floyd. They thanked the police for their great help.

Rush Enterprises, Inc. joins Dorsey Trailers, Inc.'s dealer network

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (DSYT) and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (RUSH) jointly announced recently that they have signed an agreement whereby Rush Enterprises, Inc. has become a dealer for Dorsey Trailers, Inc. Under the agreement, Dorsey Trailers, Inc. will be a trailer supplier to Rush Enterprises. Rush Enterprises is the largest Peterbilt dealer in North America with 24 truck locations covering five states and over \$600 million in annual revenue.

Commenting on becoming a dealer for Dorsey Trailer, Inc.'s product, Marvin Rush, Chief Executive Officer of Rush Enterprises stated, "As we continue our process of becoming a complete one-stop sales and service shop for the truck distribution industry, we searched for a trailer manufacturer that would meet our high standard of excellence, integrity, dependability, and customer satisfaction. We believe, that due to Dorsey Trailers long history in the industry, the wide-breadth of product that Dorsey Trailers manufactures and their dedication to customer service, we have found the right long-term partner in our serving the trucking industry. We are excited about this new opportunity for us and Dorsey Trailers."

Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dorsey Trailers, Inc. stated, "We are extremely proud to have found a company such as Rush Enterprises to market and distribute our product. Rush represents the same val-

NEWS BRIEFS

Local residents surprise burglars. At approximately 2:28 p.m. Monday, Elba police responded to 20896 Highway 87 North to a burglary in progress. According to Investigator Johnny Senn, the owners of the residence arrived home to find two suspects burglarizing their home. The owners attempted to stop the suspects when one of them pulled a weapon on the victims and fled the area. Police are looking for two black males last seen leaving the residence on a red two-door car. The burglars managed to leave with several items. The list of items missing and their value have not been determined. The incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and anyone who may have been in the area or may have information concerning the incident should call the police at 897-2555.

Commission amends 1999-2000 budget even before its approval

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County commissioners, meeting in regular session, approved a budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year by a vote of 5 to 2. The adoption of the proposed budget came after a lengthy discussion which resulted in two amendments being attached to the vote.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented the budget figures which had supposedly been worked out during budget hearings that the commissioners have been conducting in recent weeks; however, it seemed that all the "bugs" had not been ironed out.

The budget was presented by Mobley as follows: General Fund - \$4,602,000; Landfill Fund - \$2,670,000; Gasoline Fund - \$1,393,000; Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund - \$709,135; RRR Gasoline Fund - \$1,190,000; Public Highway & Traffic Fund - \$247,000; Reappraisal Fund - \$311,140; Total - \$10,522,275.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made the motion seconded by Linda Westbrook to adopt the proposed budget as presented which included the allocation of the funds to specific projects.

During the discussion of the motion to adopt the budget, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple questioned the amount of money budgeted by the highway department and the lack of funds included for

the paving of dirt roads particularly in his district - District 4.

After quoting figures included in the highway department budget and statistics on the paved and unpaved roads in the county system, Dalrymple said, "I'm totally against this budget. I think the commissioners are doing a disservice to the people of District 4 and to me for agreeing to include these roads in the three-year plan and then not agreeing to fund them."

Commissioner Robert Stephens responded to Dalrymple's comments stating that the commission, along with department heads, had worked hard to present a balanced budget.

"A budget is a compromise — you lose some and you win some, and over the years I have won a few and lost a few — probably lost more than I won," he said. "I disagree with parts of the budget, but overall it's a good one."

Commissioner Brooks pointed out that the motion was to approve the "proposed budget" and that it could be modified at any time in the future.

As the discussion continued, it became apparent that Dalrymple's main concern was the paving of Co. Rd. 664. He stated that this road was in the three-year plan for dirt roads to be paved.

County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that this road was included in the list of roads to

City of Elba recipient of \$294,106 storm drainage improvement grant

The continuing effort to recover from recent flooding in Elba took another step forward on Monday of this week when a \$294,106 storm drainage improvement grant was announced by Governor Don Siegelman. The governor also announced a \$79,918 relocation grant for Coffee County, to be used as match money in relocating homeowners whose property was damaged in the March, 1998 flooding. In all there were eight disaster recovery initiative grants totaling \$2,940,000 approved in the State of Alabama, all to areas damaged by tornadoes and flooding in the spring of 1998.

"I am pleased to authorize the funding of improvement efforts that will enhance the quality of life for many Alabamians," Siegelman said. Mayor James Grimes said the Elba grant is for drainage improvement work on Putnam Street and Martin Luther King Drive. As was noted in the governor's news release, the M.L. King Drive work is being done in the area where the two children died in the raging waters on that March Sunday morning, shortly before the levee broke along Beaver Dam Creek.

The Disaster Recovery Initiative grants are funded through the U. S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Area high school football games scheduled for Friday night are as follows: Elba High School travels to Geneva; Kinross plays host to Florala; New Brockton is at home against Samson; Brantley is on the road against Frisco City, and Zion Chapel has an open date. All games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

ALBERTA MARTIN DAY SCHEDULED. Sept. 30, 1999 (TODAY) has been set to honor Mrs. Alberta Martin, Elba's own oldest living Confederate widow in the United States. A reception will be held at Taylor Mill Oaks Assisted Living Facility, 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, from 2-3:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

VOTING MACHINES TO BE TESTED. The voting machines for the Coffee County SPECIAL ELECTION to be held October 12, 1999 will be tested on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The tests will be conducted at the Farm Center at the Coffee County Agricultural Complex in New Brockton, AL. The general public is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to title 17-24-7 and 17-24-9, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We stumbled over some exciting news for all of us fighting weight problems - or more accurately, obesity. Some research lab has announced that it is possible that our extra fat is caused by a virus! They call this virus Ad-36, so if you got "it", forget the diets, starvation, etc., just get rid of Ad-36. This apparently is not the greatest news in the world, because it was reportedly discovered several years ago and the diet pill companies are still in business. Anyway, we have another excuse for the failure to lose the excess pounds.

The Governor of Alabama was in Elba at noon last Thursday. He was met by a room full of people, eager to hear his announcements about the highway and bridge work in this area. Upon arriving on the school campus, he was met by the entire student body of both the elementary and high school. . . surely a memorable moment for anyone. Elba folks can feel pride in the way the local students conducted themselves during the event. They were a class act!

It was great to have the student government officers of Elba and neighboring schools actively involved in the press conference. Soon they will be the leaders of this great state and country and need all this exposure to know how to better lead us forward.

One more comment on the Thursday event. The Elba High School Band sounded great on that stage. . . and Le-Ann Mallory singing the national anthem - super! Thinking back a few years, local folks can remember when interest in the high school band was down, way down. It showed in their performances, which had nothing to do with the abilities of those in the band but was directly related to the very limited interest in participating. Now the participation is up and the sound is back to what people have come to expect from Elba school musicians - perfection.

It sure takes patience to work with those folks in Washington. Only someone who has been through a couple of floods can understand how badly Elba folks want to get on with the rebuilding of the levee, yet the hoops we have to jump through in D.C. continue to increase in number. Right now Elba repair money appears to be tied up a mile or so behind the ongoing debate between Congress and the White House. Whatever, our levee funding is apparently delayed until the next bill. This will not stop, or even slow down the design or planning work, but personally we would like to see the money in the bank instead of reports that "it will be in the next appropriation." Our congressional delegation has been mighty good to Elba, and we are trying to have patience, but folks, when those rains start coming each spring, it is awful hard to have patience of any kind!

If you see our Washington officials - remind them of Elba's needs.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 21, 1999 through September 27, 1999. They were: Roderick Rider, Lillie Mae Wade, Henry Stackhouse, Betty Sue Hardy, Joshua Cauley, Mary Alice Blue, Betty Thompson, Jimmie Belcher, Lora Ann Reed, Morgan Platt, Charles Watson, Miranda Taylor, Morgan Platt, Tisha Andrews, Charles Watson, Christopher Moore, Carlos Powell, Christopher Rayborn, John Hall, Jessie Windham, Lyndell Carter, Annie Quattlebaum, Dewey Perry, Jerry Kelley, Leslie Compton, Minnie Galimore, and Woodrow Young.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Roderick Rider, Ashley Crumpley, Martha Holland, Betty Kyles, Betty Sue Hardy, Nicholas Wilkerson, Myrtle Green, Betty Driggers, Henry Stackhouse, Lillie Mae Wade, W. B. Baldwin, Lora Ann Reed, Miranda Taylor, Morgan Platt, Tisha Andrews, Charles Watson, Christopher Moore, Joshua Cauley, Christopher Rayborn, John Hall, Jessie Windham, Jimmie Belcher, John Hall, Christopher Rayborn, Annie Quattlebaum, Stacy Johnson, and Jerry Kelley.

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EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

A Faithful Decision

by MART GRAY

Over the past weeks it has been suggested in a number of venues that the referendum on the Alabama Education Lottery on October 12 is a matter of faith to people of faith. In rallies, from pulpits, in church newsletters, and state denominational papers, the word has gone out that this issue is significant to the

community of faith. The issue has been framed in a number of ways. For some the issue is the morality, or rather immorality, of gambling. For others, the issue is social, relating to the plight of the poor and their propensity to "overeat" themselves in this kind of endeavor. Some have said the issue is the funding of adequate education for our children, and others have rekindled the age old debate in this state relative to tax reform. While some have been more civil than others, all have spoken from a sense of deep conviction - spiritually, morally, and socially.

Lively debate in a democratic society is not only good, it is essential to our process. Debate and dialogue within the community of faith is also essential to a broadened understanding of biblical truth. God has not invested in any single person or any single denomination or belief system the "truth," the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." He allows that sacred sense of truth to well up within our own conscience as we engage His Word, His Spirit, and each other in faithfulness.

The debate that continues creates a healthy environment in which we can exercise our faith and prepare ourselves to make a faithful decision on that October Tuesday. The Episcopal Bishop of Alabama wrote an engaging piece for The Montgomery Advertiser in which he articulated his Christian reasoning to support the lottery. The Editor of our state Baptist newsletter, The Alabama Baptist, wrote an equally engaging and passionate article in which he outlined his opposition to the lottery on Christian, social, and moral grounds. The Elba Clipper, along with almost every paper in this state, has carried articles probing different positions in this debate.

Read these articles. Listen to our spiritual and political leaders. QUESTION them both. Seek the counsel of your faith through prayer, through Scripture, through conversations with your fellow believers. Then, go to the polls on October 12th and vote with conscience and conviction. Whatever lever you pull, you will do so faithfully. The great state of Alabama will be well-served, as will the Kingdom of God.

It is, in my mind, much more presumptuous to say, "The Christian way or THE socially and ethically correct way to vote on October 12th is this or that." Such a statement

removes the responsibility of each and every voter to wrestle with his/her own conscience regarding how he/she should vote. This creates a blind loyalty that, in the long term, is dangerous to our communities of faith and our structures of government.

How then do we make a faithful, morally or ethically sound decision? Over the past two weeks, I have read two excellent editorials from a Christian perspective. The Episcopal Bishop of Alabama wrote an engaging piece for The Montgomery Advertiser in which he articulated his Christian reasoning to support the lottery. The Editor of our state Baptist newsletter, The Alabama Baptist, wrote an equally engaging and passionate article in which he outlined his opposition to the lottery on Christian, social, and moral grounds. The Elba Clipper, along with almost every paper in this state, has carried articles probing different positions in this debate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Governor Siegelman:

I awaited your announcement earlier today (Sept. 23) concerning the massive highway project in Coffee and Covington Counties. Our city officials went to great lengths to make sure the day was positive, upbeat, and successful. I applaud their efforts. Our students were excited about the chance to see the governor up close. My own daughter was on stage as a member of the Elba High School band. Yes, governor, today had the potential to be one of the most outstanding days in the history of our community.

Earlier this week, a local official asked me to do what I could to make sure that your visit here was positive and without controversy. He explained that he didn't want any lottery protests, or any mention of the lottery, pro or con. In fact, he said that the people addressing the lottery would be asked to leave. I had not planned to do anything because I don't see my role on this issue being one involving the "public." Nevertheless, I did express concern that you would use the opportunity to speak in favor of the lottery with school children present - my own daughter included.

Governor, our local officials and legislators assured me that you would not speak on the lottery issue from the podium in Elba. They said that your office had assured them that you would not use this occasion to focus attention on the lottery. Those of us who are opposed to the lottery honored the requests of our local officials. I assumed that you would as well. Apparently, sir, you can not be trusted to honor your agreements or tell the truth.

From what I can tell, you lied to us. You used the announcement of a major highway project to gather a large crowd so you could speak to us about the lottery. And you invoked God's blessings on your endeavor. As a religious leader, I was appalled. As a father, I was angered. Governor, it would be easy for me to support your lottery. It won't cost me a dime - or at most a few dollars here and there should I decide to purchase a ticket. If your plan works, it would benefit my children. They will not qualify for federal student grants or loans. They would qualify for lottery scholarships according to the Georgia plan. It would be easy for me to support the lottery. It won't cost me anything, and it will benefit my children.

I am opposed to the lottery because it is an unfair tax - even though it is voluntary - on those who can least afford it. The God to whom you referred earlier today has said, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God" (Proverbs 14:31). You asked us today if there were another way. I believe there is. Let's provide adequate and appropriate funding for education by reforming Alabama's unfair tax code to relieve the undue burden on our poorest citizens and shift that burden to our more affluent individuals, families, and corporations. That won't be politically popular. It might even cost you reelection. But it will bring the blessings from God that you sought earlier today. And it is right!

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Robert M. Paul, Jr.
Dear Editor,
While growing up as a boy in the hills of North Carolina and Rabun Gap, Ga., the men had their famous coon hounds and sure loved coon hunting. Even though I myself never had a coon dog, the memories of those long days still come to mind. I left that part of the country and moved to Ohio at age nineteen, and here I don't hear of coon hunting

like I did as a boy. Just recently, I wrote a poem of those bygone days. Would you consider publishing it for your readers?
I am the son-in-law of Mr. Lehman and Nancy LeCompte. I married their youngest daughter, Helen, in 1954 while stationed at Fort Rucker. I'm sure many of your readers would remember the LeCompte family of Coffee County.

Sincerely,
Philip C. Vinson
3190 Leonard Ave. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

MY OLD DOG AND THE COON
You should see this old dog of mine. If he could he would hunt all the time. One night up a tree he chased that coon. I got there quick, I got there real soon.

That old coon pulled a slick one on that old guy. That old coon was really wise and sly. He went down from the other side of the tree. And escaped from my dog and me.

But it wasn't long before that old dog realized what he had done. And once more he had that coon on the run. It wasn't long before, he had him back up a tree. And kept him there till I could come and see.

And when I got there and looked up and saw that old coon, I said let's go home old boy, we'll come back and try for him again soon. And a couple of nights later I could tell he was on that old coon trail. So I knew he would have him treed before long without fail.

For many years we enjoyed running that old coon. But I knew that someone else would catch him soon. And it brought tears to my eyes. Because he had been fearless and wise.

But after that my old dog never struck his trail again. And on a new coon we could have to begin. At least on the old coon I am not to blame. But I knew it would never be the same.

Now as I think back on that old coon and the past. My memories of him will always last. But if by chance he was not killed and from that tree fell. I sure do wish that old coon well.

Dear Editor:
I listed with interest to Governor Siegelman's announcement of Thursday (Sept. 23) at the high school auditorium here in Elba. We all should enthusiastically commend the Governor, Speaker of the House Seth Hammond, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. The program that was announced shows that Coffee and Covington counties are blessed with great representation in the Alabama House and Senate. These four leaders have exhibited progressive interest in the development of our two counties.

Sincerely,
Jackson W. Stokes
Chairman
Coffee County Alabama Executive Democratic Committee

Letter To The Editor:
Journalists of the national media should be called "repeaters" instead of reporters. The White House counts on the oft-repeated lie being

more believable than any simple truth and practices propaganda in a style that would have been the envy of Stalin or even Hitler. Is it journalistic laziness or collusion?
Bill Clinton has said that the Republican tax cut is "huge" and "risky."

The media continually repeats that "the American people would rather preserve Social Security or pay down the debt using the current tax surplus." In fact, the Republican tax cut lock-boxes the Social Security surplus and does indeed use some of the tax surplus to pay down the debt.

Furthermore, only 25 percent of the non-Social-Security tax surplus would be used to provide this puny tax reduction. On the other hand, Bill Clinton's "tax cut" proposals envision \$1 new spending programs which would consume all the non-Social-Security tax surplus and SOME of the Social Security surplus while paying down NONE of the debt.

Democrats will tell you that the Republican tax cut does not reduce taxes for nearly 40 percent of the American people. What they do not tell you is that nearly 40 percent of the American people pay no Federal income taxes, now! Tax cuts are for taxpayers. Bill Clinton has vetoed a modest tax reform that ended an unfair (1 to 5 thousand per family) marriage penalty and reduced a confiscatory (up to 55%) death tax.

Thank you, American Journalist. **Roger W. Cain**
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(256) 720-0278 (W)

Dear Editor:
I've read articles, viewed advertisements, and participated in a great many discussions about what we have allowed supporters to sell as the "education lottery." Surely we all realize that we are voting to decide if we, the people of Alabama, want to legalize gambling in our state.

It is upsetting to me that we're even considering this, and I can only say "shame on us" if the lottery passes. I can understand why some would want to vote "yes," but I'm having a difficult time understanding why many Christians are planning to support it. As I heard a preacher say just recently, many of the problems we face in America today are because even we as Christians don't take time to listen for what God has to say to us.

Several months ago, I read that there are probably enough Baptists in Alabama to defeat the lottery, so certainly if all Christians would go to the polls on October 12th, we could take a stand in Alabama to do the right thing, regardless of what our neighboring states have done. After defeating the lottery, however, we need to come back together as citizens and again do the right thing, as our pastor admonished us Sunday, to provide adequate funding for educating our children. It may mean higher state taxes, and I will gladly go along with that to support public education, but I cannot in good conscience vote for a plan that will encourage poor citizens of our state to squander their hard earned wages on lottery tickets week after week, so that the money they lose can help pay college tuition for my children. Is this really how we want to "improve" Alabama?

After the passage of the Georgia lottery, newspaper headlines read "Where Were the Churches?" I pray this will not be the case in Alabama. I urge Christians to vote NO to legalized gambling on October 12th.

Sincerely,
Jack E. Brunson

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AREA DEATHS

CHRISTINA "CHRIS" SUHR

EILAND
Mrs. Christina "Chris" Suhr Eiland, age 83, of 293 County Road 425, Elba, died Sept. 25, 1999 at the Opp Nursing Home.
Funeral services will be held Sept. 30, 1999 (Today) at 11 a.m. in the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel of Elba with Rev. C.E. Wesley officiating. Burial will follow in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.
Survivors include her husband: Edward Ishum Eiland, Elba; three daughters: Marva Lou Uphoff, Lincoln, Neb.; Grace Treat, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Darlene Bracy, Olympia, Wash.; one son: Jerry Lee Kruckenberg, Olympia, Wash.; one sister: Freida Imhoff, Billings, Mont.; and eight grandchildren.

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Survivors include two sons: Byron R. Parker, Abingdon, Md.; Hugh W. Parker, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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New Teachers At ZC

Mrs. Amy Workman by Ceretha Towles
Mrs. Amy Workman, formerly of Commerce, Ga., who is now residing in Enterprise, is a new member of the Zion Chapel faculty. Mrs. Workman teaches Spanish.



When asked about her family, Mrs. Workman said that she has a husband who is in the military and no children. However, she does have a cat.

In addition to her high school Spanish classes, Mrs. Workman teaches some elementary and middle school classes. Her elementary curriculum covers, in Spanish, numbers, colors, the alphabet, and some basic vocabulary such as boy, girl, dog, and cat. She prepares the middle school students for Spanish I by introducing them to Spanish, but at a slower pace. The eighth graders also have a class in introductory Spanish, but this class is only for twelve weeks and it is taught in a rotation with an Agriculture class and a computer literacy class. In the high school, she teaches Spanish I and Spanish II classes, both of which are required for the advanced diploma curriculum.

When asked how she feels about Zion Chapel, Mrs. Workman said, "I love being back in a small school. I went to a small high school and a small college, and I like the personal attention each student gets."

Stacy Steck by Kayla Eddins
Miss Stacy Steck of Enterprise is a new English teacher at Zion Chapel. She teaches all eighth and ninth grade English and advanced twelfth grade English. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is the varsity cheerleader sponsor.



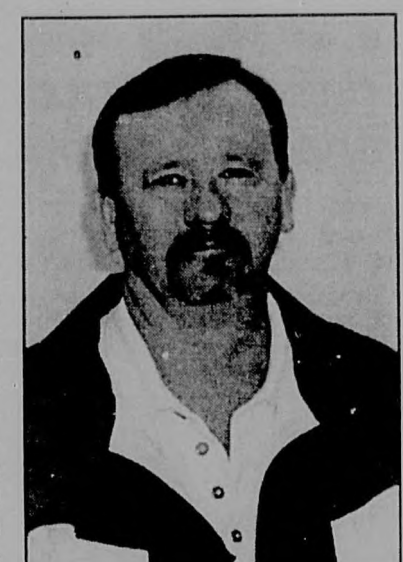
Miss Steck is a 1995 graduate of Enterprise High School where she

was a member of the Marching Band, the Government Club, the English Team, and Mu Alpha Theta. After high school, she attended Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) and later transferred to the University of Montevallo where she obtained a degree in Language Arts Education. While attending ESJC she was a member of the Homecoming Court, and the Tutorial Assistance Program.

Miss Steck has one older brother and her parents are both from Enterprise. When asked what she likes about Zion Chapel, she said, "The faculty is always willing to lend a hand to help the new teachers. Because Zion Chapel is a small school the teachers are able to work closely with the students. I am also happy to work with such a classy, motivated, and athletic group of young ladies who are the members of the cheerleading squad."

Mr. Kenneth Senn

Mr. Kenneth Senn has returned to Zion Chapel after a year in New Brockton where he taught Science.



In a sense, Mr. Senn has returned home three times. His high school diploma was earned at Zion Chapel High School, he taught at Zion Chapel for a year and a half before going to New Brockton, and now he is a member of the Zion Chapel staff again.

Mr. Senn earned a degree from Troy State University before pursuing a full time career in education. He is married to the former Brenda Bedsole and they make their home in the Zion Chapel Community.

Mr. Senn teaches physical science and in addition to his classroom responsibilities he is an assistant coach. He said he chose to transfer back to Zion Chapel when the science position became available because he enjoyed teaching at Zion Chapel before and it is much closer to his home.

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Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Vocational Club News

FHA by Daphne Jinright

BYOB was the catch phrase for the first monthly meeting of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) at Zion Chapel. Members were asked to attend and to bring a banana if their annual membership dues had been paid. At the end of the business session, the bananas were put with some ice cream and different toppings to make banana splits and ice cream sundaes.

The business meeting was conducted by the new chapter officers who are President Heather Arnold, Vice President Ceretha Towles, Historian Dan Johnson, Secretary Pam Cotton, Reporter Daphne Jinright, Recreational Leaders Stacey Cape and Alexis Bell.

Chapter business included announcements that cookbooks from last year will now be sold for \$5, and a fund raiser will be conducted that involves selling Christmas items.

Mrs. Joan Hobbs is the instructor of Home Economics at Zion Chapel and the sponsor of FHA.

FFA by Pam Cotton

The regular monthly meeting in August was called to order by President Dan Johnson.

After the opening ceremony, President Johnson discussed new FFA T-shirts. Vice President Heather Arnold was introduced, and she presented the annual fruit sales that will begin in just a few weeks. Wesley Bragg, the student advisor, informed the chapter members about the peanut boiling that will occur very soon. He also presented a suggestion that the members of FFA sell boiled peanuts at the home football game.

David Eddins explained that the FFA cookout will be held in late September. Sentinel Justin Prescott announced that the AG Expo will be held in October, and the site of the Expo is Moultrie, Ga. He told members the cost of the trip will be \$5 for the ticket and an individual amount of money for food. Secretary Pam Cotton named the different contests in which FFA members can participate. She named the contests Zion Chapel has entered in the past and brought up two new ones that Zion Chapel has not entered before. The possibility of entering the String Band and Quartet contests was discussed. Charles Spears explained Proficiency

While in New York, we spent our time touring and sight seeing. On Monday, we got to see the Heaven and Hell Fantasy Statue and visit the St. John of the Divine Catholic Church. We toured Harlem and had a chance to shop at the African Market. After lunch, we toured the Apollo Theatre and had our own "Amateur Night." After leaving the Apollo Theatre, we visited the Shomberg Center for Research in

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FBLA Leadership Conference

Jessica Kelley, Tara Grant, Morgan Hodge, and Daphne Jinright joined Justin Law in Chicago where the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Institute for Leaders and the National Leadership Conference were taking place simultaneously. These five Zion Chapel students were members of Alabama FBLA's Parliamentary Procedure Team. They were in Chicago to attend the Conference and to compete on the national level. They were accompanied by their sponsors, Mrs. Anita Grant and Mrs. Rachel Bryan, and they were all a part of the Alabama Delegation which had ninety plus members.

During the Conference, where there was "Get Connected," members and advisors from around the nation were afforded an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and compete in national events.

The conference offered members a chance to improve their education experience by attending information workshops on such topics as time management, decision making, setting priorities, business writing, telephone etiquette, dressing for success, customer service, networking, the virtual office, international business issues, leadership styles, advanced technology, financial planning, conflict management, fun chapter meetings, successful meetings, integrating FBLA into the classroom, and balancing school, family, and work.

It was not all work, however. There was time to have meals at the Hard Rock, Rainforest, and Babba Camp cafes, visit the Sears Tower and Skydeck, take a boat ride on

Gift Of Life



Pictured above is Morgan Hodge as she prepares to give the "Gift of Life" during last Thursday's blood drive at ZCHS.

Coffee County Schools Menu October 4 - 8, 1999

BREAKFAST

Monday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Biscuits, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Catfish Strips, Steak Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Hushpuppies, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Baked Ham, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Turnips, Candied Yams, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Cornedogs, Creamed Potatoes w/ Low Fat Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Sausage Pizza, Garden Salad, WK Corn, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Lettuce/Tomato/Dill Slices, Onion Rings, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

ZC Student Visits The Big Apple

by Stacey Cape

After spending six weeks living on the campus of Troy State University where we attended daily classes, Alexis Bell and I were given the opportunity to take a Cultural Enrichment trip to New York City with the Upward Bound program. Our trip to New York began on July 18, and we returned home on July 22.

While in New York, we spent our time touring and sight seeing. On Monday, we got to see the Heaven and Hell Fantasy Statue and visit the St. John of the Divine Catholic Church. We toured Harlem and had a chance to shop at the African Market. After lunch, we toured the Apollo Theatre and had our own "Amateur Night." After leaving the Apollo Theatre, we visited the Shomberg Center for Research in

Black Culture. For dinner, we ate at the Hard Rock Cafe and then went to the Empire State Building.

On Tuesday, we began our day by waiting outside the Today Show. We toured the United Nations Building and ate lunch in Central Park. After shopping on Fifth Avenue, we visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center. Next was dinner at Dallas Bar-B-Q and the Broadway performance of "Annie Get Your Gun."

On Wednesday, we went to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. We were taken to China Town and given time to shop and eat lunch. We left China Town and were on our way home.

Going to New York was a great experience for me. I had a lot of fun, and I was able to see other parts of the country.

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"Name Our Show" Contest

by Monique Ordon

The Journalism Staff recently held a contest to name their bi-weekly television broadcast.

The name had to contain no obscene slang terms and also promote a positive school image. There were quite a few entries.

On Sept. 9, the staff voted on the names and chose TNN-Tiger News Network by Raeann McCollough. The winner was announced at the Sept. 10 pep rally.

CONGRATULATIONS



Raeann McCollough

Elba Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Kristen Barnes, Anna Harrison, Kaci Grantham, and Mary Katherine Head; back row - Devi Kilcrease, Heather Hayes, Mallory Allen, Lyndsay Lawford, and Anna Anderson.

by Katie Vaughan

Last March, ten girls were chosen as Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1999-2000 school year. These girls will be attending grades 7-9 for the following year. From the 7th grade: Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, Lyndsay Lawford, and Anna Harrison. From the 8th grade: Anna Anderson, Kaci Grantham, and Co-captain Mary Katherine Head. And finally, from the 9th grade: Captain Devi Kilcrease and Heather Hayes.

New Teacher



Mrs. Rebecca Cardwell

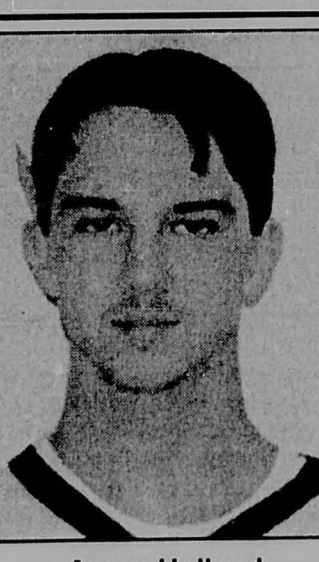
by Katie Vaughan

Mrs. Rebecca Cardwell is yet another addition to Elba Elementary School's faculty. Her father is a Southern Baptist minister, so she has lived in several places. Mrs. Cardwell considers Flomaton her hometown. Mrs. Cardwell graduated from Flomaton High School. Later she attended Troy State University and majored in Elementary Education. Mrs. Cardwell started out as a teacher's aide for Mrs. Katrina Calhoun and Mrs. Dixie Dorsey. She has been teaching for five years and is currently teaching fifth grade.

"I like many things about teaching, but I guess what I enjoy most is being able to work with the different personalities in the classroom and being able to see the changes and progress each child makes over the school year."

Mrs. Cardwell is the wife of Ernie Cardwell. She has two children, Carly, 14 months, and Cory, age 3.

Co-Op Spotlight



Aaron Holland

by Natasha Babin

This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Senior Aaron Holland. He is employed by EDCSO Fasteners. His job duties include making anchor bolts and pulling rods.

Aaron is the son of Sue Holland. He is involved in VICA, the Army Reserve and is also a Tiger Rep. His future plans are to go to college at Troy State and major in Computer Operations.

Movers & Shakers Coming To EES

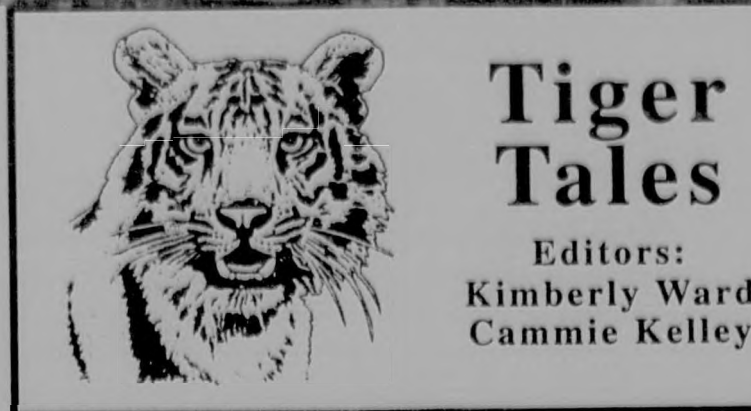
Talent Pool students at Elba Elementary School have been studying the life of an eminent person. The objective of the study was to select a person whose work has shaken up our thinking and view of the world or has moved society in a new direction. Students will have a special location in the hall or in the room at Elba Elementary School for the presentation of their character sketch. This year's museum will feature athletes, artists, humanitarians, and more. Each student will use a prop and wear a costume that will help identify the person they are depicting. Students will share a brief statement about the life of the person they are portraying.

The public is invited to tour the museum. There is no admission cost.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
Cammie Kelley

TIGER BRIEFS

A Trip Back in Time

by Amy Kirkland

On Monday, Sept. 13, a group of Elba High School students took a field trip to Mobile. The trip was special because it included the viewing of rare articles belonging to Nicholas, Alexandra and their children, the last imperial family of Tsarist Russia. Some of the articles included a royal carriage, a grand piano, a throne and many of their clothes. The items will be shipped back to Russia after the exhibit closes, so for most, this was a once in a lifetime experience. The trip was fun, yet educational, and I asked some of those who went what they enjoyed most about the exhibit.

Ross Adkinson - "I liked learning about when they were exiled and killed."

Cammie Kelley - "It showed a very interesting view of history."

Zeke Prettyman - "I really liked seeing their wedding clothes."

Count Me In

by Emilee Benbow

On Friday, Sept. 10, the Senior class had a special treat. Brian Free, a graduate of Elba High School, spoke to the students about the different aspects of accounting. He explained the tasks he performs daily as an accountant. Many students were surprised to learn that it was not all just punching numbers. The students also learned that an accountant can work in almost any job field. The program was very informative and may have created a few future accountants.

Melissa Grantham had this to say, "I did not know anything about accounting, but Brian Free's program expanded my knowledge and helped me understand it better."

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Pictures from the Grad Ads in the 1998-1999 Elba are available for pick-up from 11:20 a.m. until 1:20 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Journalism room.

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Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Breann Austin, Gaije Craig, Brandon Byrd, Latanda Tyson, Chase Sauls, and Taylor Ellis; back row - Wanda Dean, Megan Anderson, Derrick Manning, Steven Driggers, LaRay Williams, Jonathon Richardson, and Drew Ellis. Not pictured was Trey Martin.

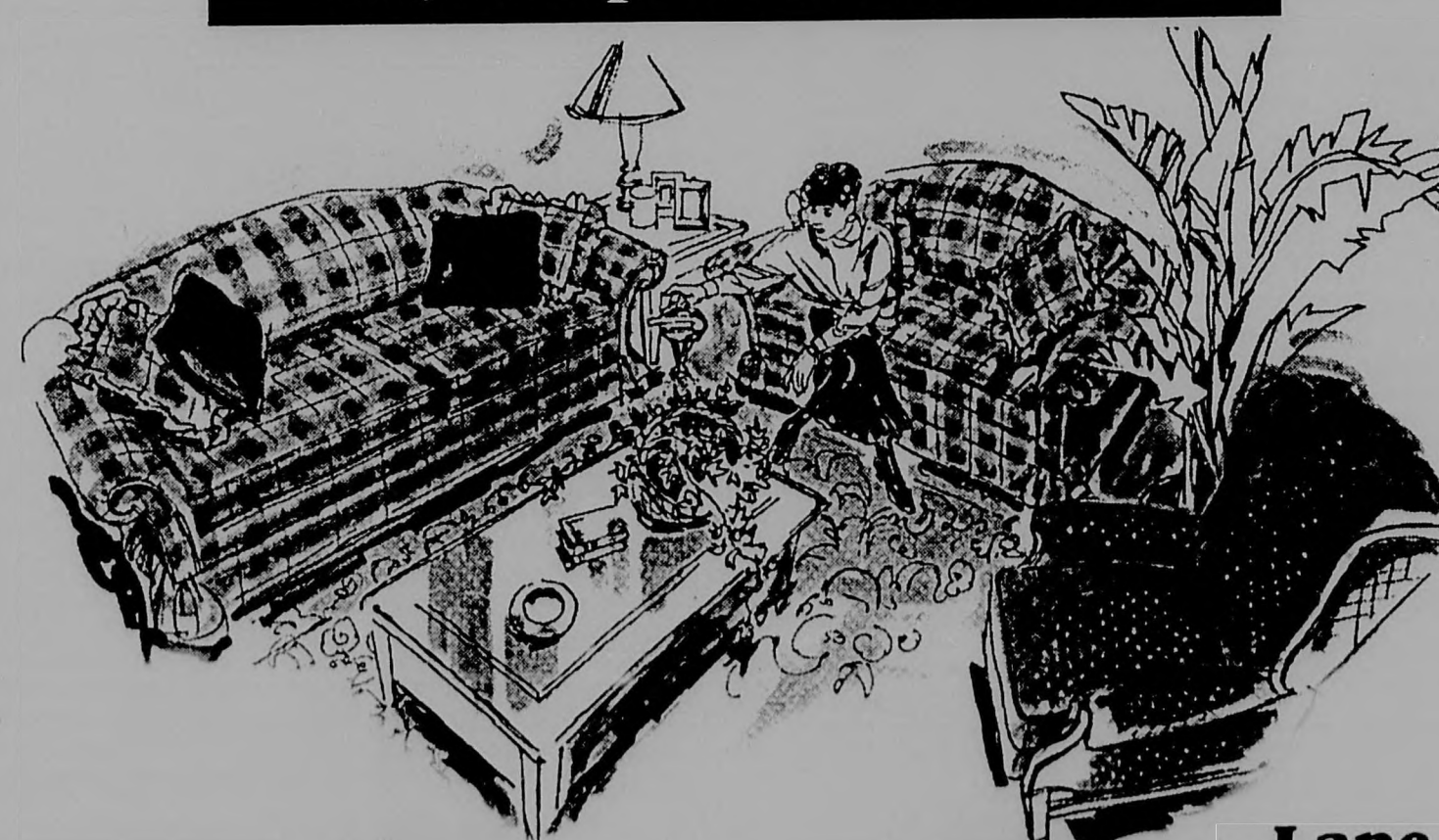
by Cammie Kelley

Students at Elba Elementary School are excelling in many ways. The students pictured have been recognized for two reasons, excellent citizenship and outstanding creative writing. Each week a student is recognized from each grade level as the Student of the Week. In order to receive this award, a student must display good citizenship, follow class and school rules, and be an all around model student. A student from each grade level is also recognized each week for great writing with the Principal's Pride Award. The students receiving these awards for the week of Aug. 30 through Sept. 3 are: Chase Sauls, Taylor Ellis, Breann Austin, Gaije Craig, LaTanda, Tyson, Brandon Byrd, Drew Ellis, Jonathon Richardson, Trey Martin, Megan Anderson, Derrick Manning, Wanda Dean, LaRay Williams, and Steven Driggers (not pictured). These students deserve a pat on the back for all their hard work.

Elba Elementary School Menu October 4 - 8, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Filet, Corn, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Ham Sandwich, Tater Rounds, California-style Vegetables, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk
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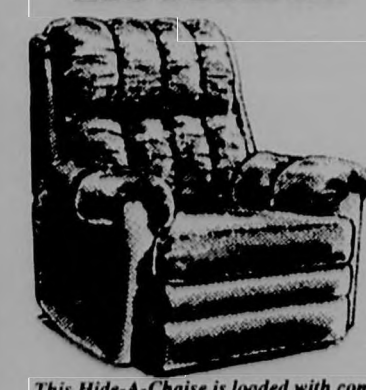
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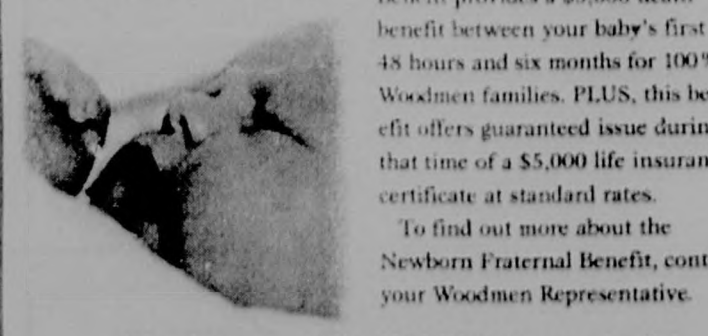
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We have had to help Melanie with some pretty tough projects during the first couple of weeks of school, but last week it got a little easier, and a little easier to swallow, when she had to take some cookies to school for a Student Council bake sale. Melanie has always loved to help around the kitchen and did a lot of the work with the cookies, and even let Dad taste a few just to make sure they were okay.

ELBA TIGERS TAKE STEP BACKWARDS ON OFFENSE

The Elba Tigers take to 0-4 on the season last week with a 19-8 loss to Geneva County, and while the Tigers did battle the (4-1) Bulldogs on even terms for much of the game and played really hard on defense, I would have to say that the Tigers took a step backwards for the second straight game on offense. The offense never got anything going on the ground or in the air in the loss, and barely managed to gain over 100 yards in total offense. As Elba's opponents have watched film and studied the Tigers on offense, they have undoubtedly discovered that the Tigers cannot run the football well enough to maintain drives. Once the opponents discovered that weakness, they turned to the passing game, and in recent weeks have all but taken away what had been the Tigers' strength. Friday night, Geneva County was never fooled by any pattern the Tiger receivers ran, intercepted two passes and battered the Elba quarterback with a pass rush that seemed to meet at the quarterback. Elba's inability to pass spelled doom for the Tiger attack on offense, and in the loss to Opp and the loss to Geneva County the offense took giant steps backwards. The Elba defense did play well enough to win against Geneva County and slowed down the Bulldogs' best running back throughout the game. The defense allowed a touchdown after a 20-yard drive following a botched punt and got burned on a pass late in the game when the Tigers were selling out to stop the run with the clock running down. However, for most of the game the defense really got after the Bulldogs and gave it all it had. I guess when a team works extra hard on offense its defense suffers, and when extra hours are spent on defense it is the offense that suffers. Maybe some day soon the Tigers will be able to just relax and play football the way it was meant to be played and have some fun. When that happens, the wins will come!

AREA SCHEDULE IS LIGHT DUE TO 2C FORFEIT

The area schedule for high school teams was light, to say the least, as both New Brockton and Zion Chapel had weeks off due to the Rebels' inability to field a team. Here is a look back at last week's action, on and off the field.

*** BRANTLEY (5-0) spanked the Luvaine Tigers 34-13 to pay their cross-county neighbors back for last year's loss. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 20-0 halftime lead and really were never challenged in posting the big win. The Bulldogs are still not running on all cylinders, but are beginning to get their kinks worked out and may be looking to get everything cranked up come playoff time.

*** KINSTON (0-5) saw its losing streak reach 16 games with a 54-12 loss to G.W. Long, but did get to have a little fun over in Skipperville as the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead before falling to the powerful Rebels. Kinston opened the game with a kickoff return for a touchdown, intercepted a pass on Long's first snap and then drove in to take a 12-0 lead before the Rebels and their homecoming crowd even knew the game had started. Hey, the Bulldogs are growing teeth!

*** NEW BROCKTON (2-3) got an unexpected vacation thanks to Zion Chapel, and while the forfeit did put a damper on some of the Gamecocks' homecoming plans, the week off might very well do the Gamecocks some good on down the line. The week off let the Gamecocks get some bumps and bruises healed, and also gave the Gamecocks a little extra time to work on their own game without having to worry about an opponent. The thinking here is that the week off will pay dividends.

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MIDWAY POINT OF SEASON REVEALS SURPRISES

Las, week marked the midway point of the regular season for high school football teams across the state, and I thought it would be a good time to sit back and see what has really happened over the past five weeks that might surprise some of the area fans. Here goes.

*** CLASS 1A - Brantley's rolling to a 5-0 slate is no surprise, as is Notaulga's 5-0 start. However, G.W. Long has been making big noise in the Wiregrass and stands at 5-0 at the midway point of the season, and has outscored its opponents 134-55. Billingsley being 0-5 is a major surprise, as is the fact the Bears have been outscored 189-44, while Frisco City at 0-5 is also a surprise. Houston Academy was thought to be better this season, but being 0-5 and having been outscored 155-20 says that prediction was way off! By the way, Vina and T.W. Martin have both dropped football due to a lack of players.

*** CLASS 2A - Wicksburg and Highland Home are both off to a 5-0 start and are very much surprise teams in South Alabama, while the fact Clay County has lost a regular season is also somewhat of a surprise. Another surprise is the fact Arion stands at 4-1 after losing its coach just two weeks before the start of the season.

*** CLASS 3A - Defending champ Briarwood standing at 4-1 and losing to UMS-Wright is a surprise, as is Colbert County standing at just 2-2 at the midway point of the season. Perhaps the biggest surprise locally is Luvaine being 1-4 at the halfway mark of the season. On the other hand, Clayton is 0-5 and has been outscored 191-17, while R.C. Hatch is 0-4 and has been outscored 227-8. Ouch!

*** CLASS 4A - T.R. Miller is 5-0 as expected and beat Daleville along the way, while locally the surprise team has been Leavy Boutwell's Geneva Panthers, who stand at 5-0 after defeating its opponents by a combined score of 212-27. Dale County is strong, again, standing at 4-1, with its only loss to SA Carroll, of Ozark. The worst? Here is a surprise....W.S. Neal is 0-5 and in the last two weeks has lost to Clarke County 47-0 and Stanhope Elmore 46-0. Also, Rehobeth is struggling big time, standing 0-5 and being outscored 180-39.

*** CLASS 5A - The biggest surprise in the 5A ranks is Greenville, which stands at 0-5 and has been outscored 169-26 in five losses. Stanhope Elmore is 4-2 and has outscored its opponents 147-49, while locally the biggest news has come out of Evergreen, where Hillcrest is 4-1, and last week stunned Carroll, of Ozark.

*** CLASS 6A - Opelika was expected to be good this season, but it has to be a surprise that the Bulldogs are 5-0 at the midway point in the season and have outscored their opponents 182-23. Some of the victims have been Vigor, Prattville and Robert E. Lee. Not a bad start for Spence McCracken's troops! Alma Bryant won its first 12 games a year ago before falling in the playoffs, and the Hurricanes did it again as they stand at 5-0 and have outscored their opponents 138-47. Teams having problems include Robert E. Lee and Enterprise, both at 2-3, while Carver, of Montgomery, is 0-5 and has been shellied by a combined score of 195-45.

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THE PRESSBOX

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY

*** In my opinion, last week's 35-28 win by Alabama over Arkansas did little more than delay the inevitable at the Capstone. I believe that Coach Mike Dubose will be fired or resign before the end of the season, or at least the announcement will be made that the change will come at the end of the season, and while it may not be the best thing for anyone involved, it may also be the only way to save anything resembling a recruiting year for the Tide. Alabama will be hard-pressed to recruit any quality high schooler with the Dubose controversy hanging over its head, and for once I don't think the wins and losses will make any difference.

*** The party may be over at Auburn following last week's loss to Ole Miss. The Tigers are greatly improved under Coach Tommy Tuberville and will win some more games, but the injuries are beginning to mount on the plains, and with a trip to Tennessee awaiting, the Tigers could be ready to crash back down to earth. By the way, now that Gabe Gross is gone and Ben Leard is hurt, what happens if Jeff Klein goes down?

*** Opp's Coach Shayne Wasden was a little upset after last week's narrow 18-13 win over Greenville, and after the game stated "I'm 31-years-old, and this is by far the worst officiating I've ever seen...they were biased in favor of Greenville." I don't know if the Alabama High School Athletic Association is like the NCAA or the NFL, but such remarks would have drawn immediate attention from both. Obviously the game was played in Greenville.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office Sunday afternoon and declared it was time for him to shine up the crystal ball and let "Lady Luck" give him some help with his weekly high school football predictions. After last week's 17-7 slate moved his yearly totals to 113-34, he might be right. The only problem is that he has never been lucky with the ladies! Oh well, here goes....

ELBA VS. GENEVA

The Elba Tigers will be huge underdogs this week when they head down the Pea River to battle the unbeaten and untested Geneva Panthers. It will be homecoming at Geneva High and all the fans and alumni will be on hand to join the celebration as their team tries to improve to 6-0. If the team starts celebrating early the Tigers could have a chance at the upset. The guess here is that the Panthers will save theirs for after the game, and the Tigers will fall to 0-5.

GENEVA 27 ELBA 6

NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The New Brockton Gamecocks picked up a win the easy way last week, but this week will find the going quite a bit tougher as they host the Sam-

Elba Tigers looking to spoil '99 homecoming celebration for unbeaten Geneva Panthers

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Elba Lady Tigers watch volleyball record slip to 4-14

The Elba Lady Tigers continued to be busy on the volleyball court in recent weeks, but also saw their struggles continue, as their record for the season slipped to 4-14.

Following are highlights of the past two week's action:

*** Elba falls to Cottonwood 15-7, 15-17, 6-15....Melissa Mularz, Raeanne McCollough and Melissa Grantham led the Lady Tigers in service points in the tough three-game loss.

*** Elba falls to Geneva 8-15, 8-15....Stacy Chism and Vaughn Boyd led the Lady Tigers in service points in the straight game loss.

*** Elba falls to Samson 14-16, 15-12, 3-15....Melissa Mularz and Kendra Vaughan led the Lady Tigers in service points in the three-game defeat.

*** Elba falls to Opp 12-15, 15-6, 14-16....Vaughn Boyd, Kendra Vaughan, Stacy Chism and Melissa Mularz led the Lady Tigers in service points in the tough three-game

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son Tigers. The Gamecocks should be healed up and rested for the homecoming clash, and will need all the energy they can muster to get by the highly under-rated Tigers. In a battle, make it....

NEW BROCKTON 22 SAMSON 12

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The Kinston Bulldogs will celebrate homecoming against the Florala Wildcats, and while a big crowd is expected to fill the Bulldogs' side of the field, after the game starts don't be surprised if most of the cheering comes from the Florala side of the field. After all, the Wildcats are struggling a little this season and need a big win to get them back on track. Mission accomplished for the 'Cats!

FLORALA 44 KINSTON 14

BRANTLEY VS. FRISCO CITY

The Brantley Bulldogs will make the long trip to Frisco City Friday night looking to pen up the Whippets and improve to 2-0 in the area standings. The Whippets have been running in place throughout the season, while the Bulldogs have been hungry and hunting for wins every time they take the field. Friday night the Bulldogs will catch the rabbit and whip the Whippets!

BRANTLEY 52 FRISCO CITY 8

OTHER PICKS:

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G.W. Long 21 Geneva County 13

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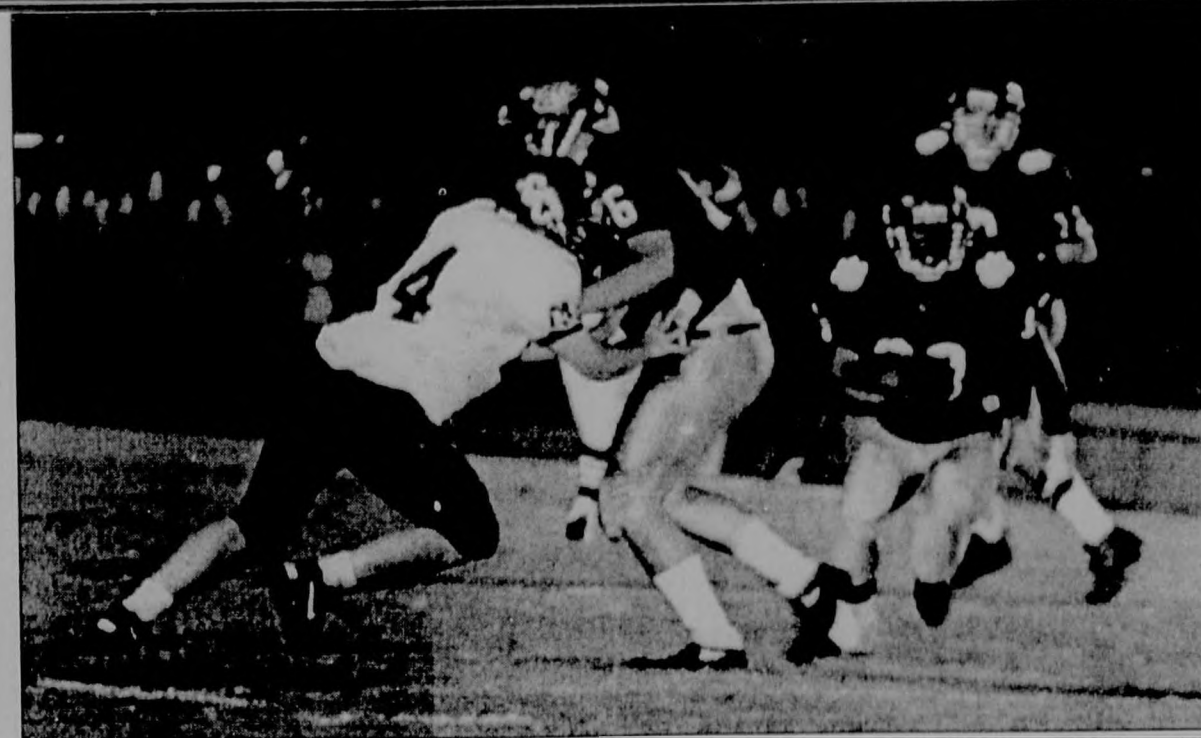
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SPORTS



Elba's Brandon Salter (65) and Jep Dubose (8) combine to sack the Geneva County quarterback for a big loss in last week's 19-8 loss to the Bulldogs. The Tigers will travel to Geneva Friday night looking for their first win of the season.



Elba running back Tony Burks (33) cuts outside the block of Ross Adkinson (76) for a big gain in last week's clash with the Geneva County Bulldogs. Burks scored Elba's only touchdown in the 19-8 defeat to Geneva County.

Tigers remain winless with 19-8 loss to Geneva County

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue Friday night as the Geneva County Bulldogs pulled ahead late in the first half and turned back an Elba rally late in the second half to defeat the Tigers 19-8, in Elba.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-4 record, while Geneva County improved its record to 4-1 with the win. The Tigers got an early break when Tim Ware intercepted a Bulldog pass and returned it to the Geneva County 49-yardline. A 14-yard run by Tony Burks and a 17-yard scamper by Monroe Williams gave Elba a first down at the Geneva County 18, but two running plays netted no yardage, and after two passes fell incomplete, the Tigers turned the ball over to the Bulldogs on downs with the ball still resting at the Geneva County 18-yardline.

A 40-yard punt by Elba's Brandon Salter backed the Bulldogs up at their own 12-yardline late in the half, while a Salter sack on third down left Geneva County within inches of its own goal line. The snap attempt on fourth down sailed over the head of the Bulldog punter and out of the end zone for a safety, and with 1:33 left in the opening stanza Elba had moved on top 2-0.

Neither team could move the chains on their next two possessions, but Geneva County put the ball in play at its own 22-yardline midway through the second quarter and marched 78 yards in eight plays to grab the lead. A 33-yard pass from Chad Whitaker to Mikal Milliner was a key play in the scoring drive, while Andre Golsen gained 35 yards on five carries during the march and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:08 remaining in the second quarter Geneva County was now on top 6-2.

The Tigers gave the ball right back to the Bulldogs on a fumble recovery at the Elba 26-yardline, but the defense rose to the challenge, and a third down quarterback sack by Jep Dubose resulted in an 11-yard loss and helped the Tigers turn back the scoring threat.

Elba regained possession at its own 32-yardline following the defensive stand, and with the aid of two major distance penalties against Geneva County moved to a first down at the Bulldog 23-yardline with 28 left in the half. The Tigers misfired on a pass into the endzone from Bowers to Dubose on first down, and then saw the scoring threat come to an end when Tony Burks was stopped far short of the goal line after pulling in a Bowers' pass on the final play of the half.

The game continued to be dominated by the defenses early in the second half as the first four offensive series resulted in only one first down. The Tigers began their third possession of the half at their own 34-yardline, only to see a penalty and two quarterback sacks back Elba up to its own 13. Disaster struck for the Tigers on fourth down, as a low snap and a heavy rush forced Elba punter Brandon Salter to run in an attempt to get the needed yardage.

Geneva County took over at the Elba 20-yardline following the botched punt attempt, and three plays later was in the endzone as Andre Golsen scored on a 6-yard run. The two-point conversion failed when Elba's Josh Lawford intercepted a pass in the back of the endzone, but Geneva County had stretched its lead to 12-2 with the clock showing :00 in the third quarter.

The Tigers appeared ready to answer the Geneva County touchdown on its ensuing possession as they moved to the Bulldog 20-yardline on a 32-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Dustin Stinson, only to come away empty-handed when a Bowers pass was intercepted in the endzone.

Elba began its next series at the Geneva County 33-yardline following a short punt, and this time reached paydirt, as the Tigers covered the distance in eight plays. The drive was in trouble early after a holding penalty left the Tigers facing a second down and 19 back at the Geneva County 42, but a short pass completion from Bowers to Burks turned into a big gain after a face-mask penalty against the Bulldogs, and the Tigers then moved the chains as on fourth down Bradley Bowers hit Dustin Stinson on a 20-yard pass completion. Two plays later Tony Burks sprinted into the endzone from 13 yards out for a Tiger touchdown, and even though a two-point pass failed to connect, Elba had pulled within 12-8 with 6:28 left in the fourth quarter.

Geneva County returned the ensuing kick to the Bulldog 47-yardline, and quieted the Elba crowd as it covered the distance to the endzone in six plays to regain command. The score came on a 32-yard pass from Chad Whitaker to Garry Guilford, and after the extra-point split the up rights, Geneva County was in charge 19-8 with only 2:43 left in the game.

The Tigers turned the ball over on a pass interception on their next possession, but got one last chance to score in the closing seconds after Jep Dubose blocked a punt by the Bulldog 15-yardline. Elba got as close as the Geneva County 11, but then saw Bowers sacked for an 18-yard loss on third down, and the clock reached :00 with Geneva County claiming the win 19-8.

Tony Burks gained 40 yards on 12 carries and scored a touchdown to lead the Elba ground attack, while Dustin Stinson gained 10 yards on 14 carries and caught 3 passes for 57 yards. Andre Golsen led Geneva County with 82 yards on 21 carries.

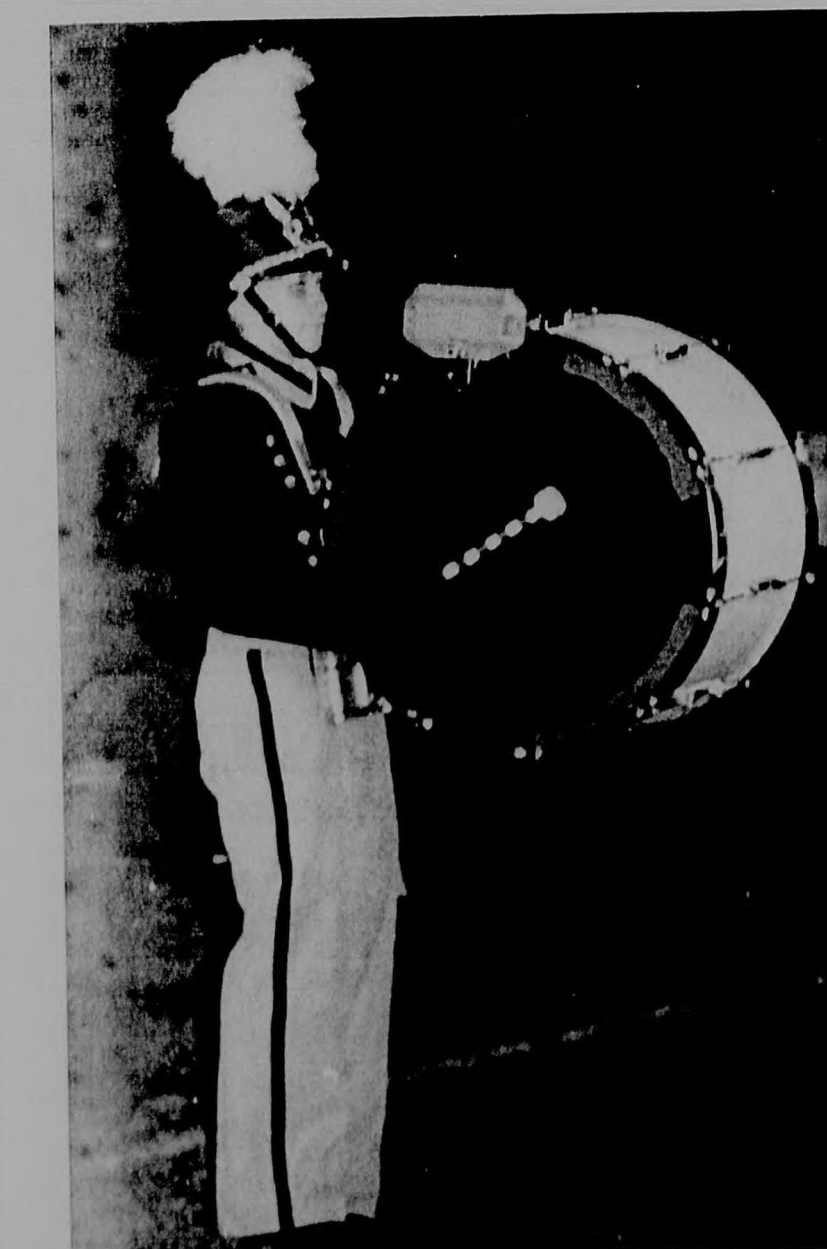
Brandon Salter had 8 tackles, 2 assists and a quarterback sack to lead the Elba defense, while Tony Burks added 7 tackles and 3 assists, Carson Waters had 6 tackles and 2 assists, and Sammy Hill had 6 tackles and 1 assist.

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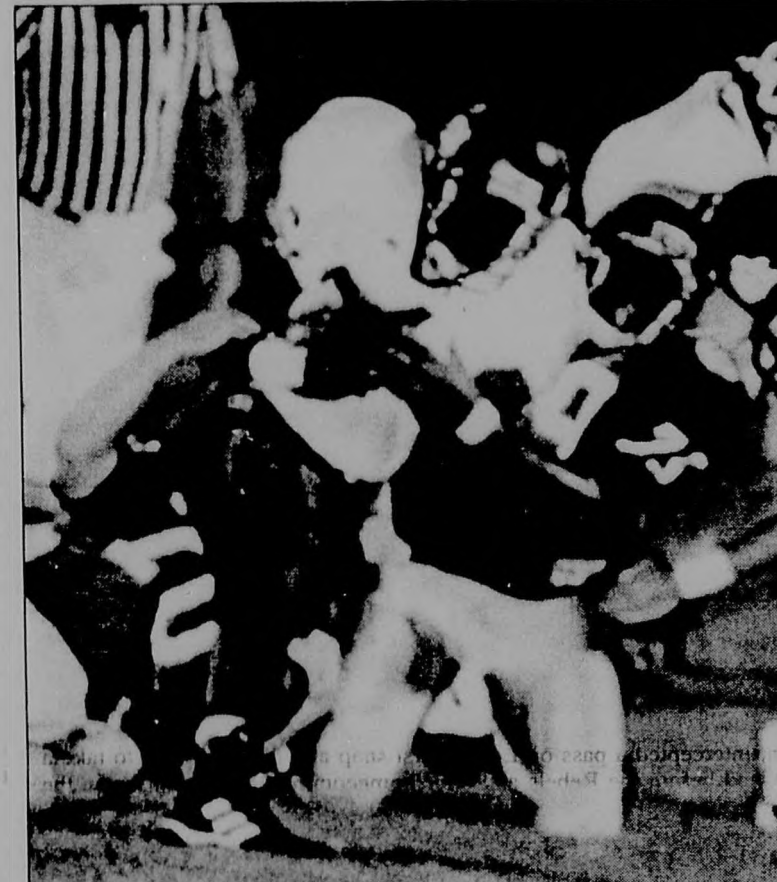
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Elba wide-receiver Tim Ware (in black jersey) draws double coverage from Geneva County defensive backs in last week's 19-8 loss to the Bulldogs. The Tigers will battle the undefeated Geneva Panthers Friday night in search of their first win of the season. Kick off is 7:30 PM.



Helping the Elba Marching Tigers keep the beat during half-time activities is bass drummer and percussion leader Devri Kilecrease.



Elba defensive linemen Britt Grimes (70) and Michael Reed (79) combine to make the stop on a Bulldog runner. The Tiger defense limited Geneva County to less than 200 total yards in last week's Tiger loss.



Elba Marching Tiger Drum Majorettes Kimberly Ward (on stand) and Ashley Harrelson (playing cymbals) lead the Elba High School band during halftime activities.

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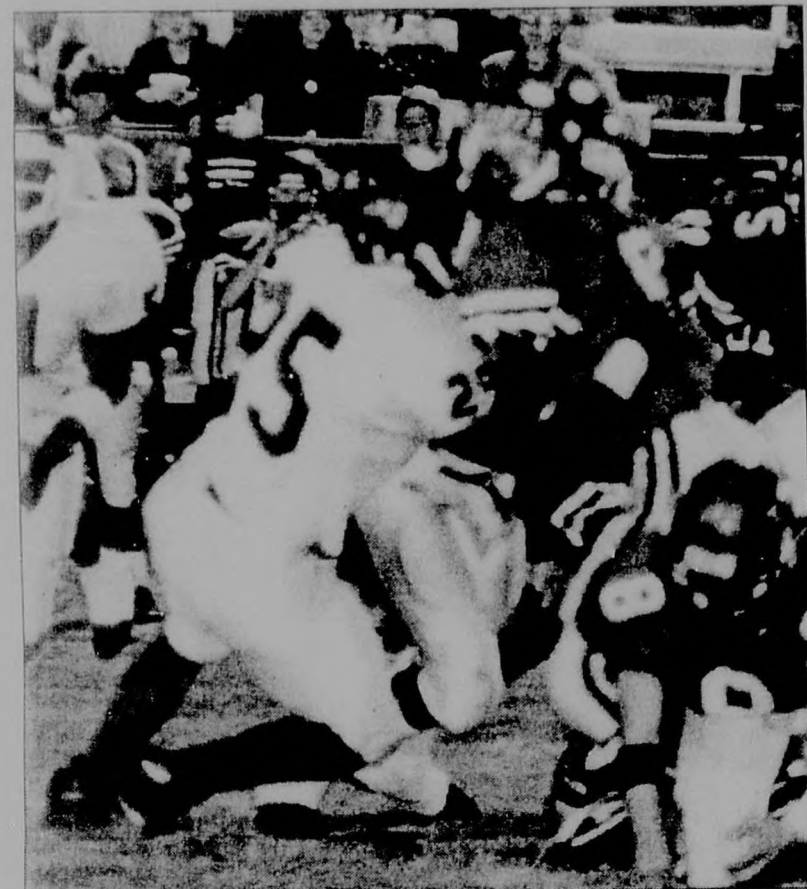
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Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) eyes a huge hole in the Luverne defensive line opened by Shaun Person (34) and Rashadd Owens (55) during last week's 34-13 win over Luverne. The Bulldogs will travel to Frisco City Friday night for a key Class 1A, Area 3 clash with the Frisco City Whippets.



Brantley's Tyrell Knighten (25) drags down a Luverne runner for a loss in last week's 34-13 romp past the Tigers. The win avenged one of the Bulldogs two losses from a year ago and improved Brantley's record to 5-0.

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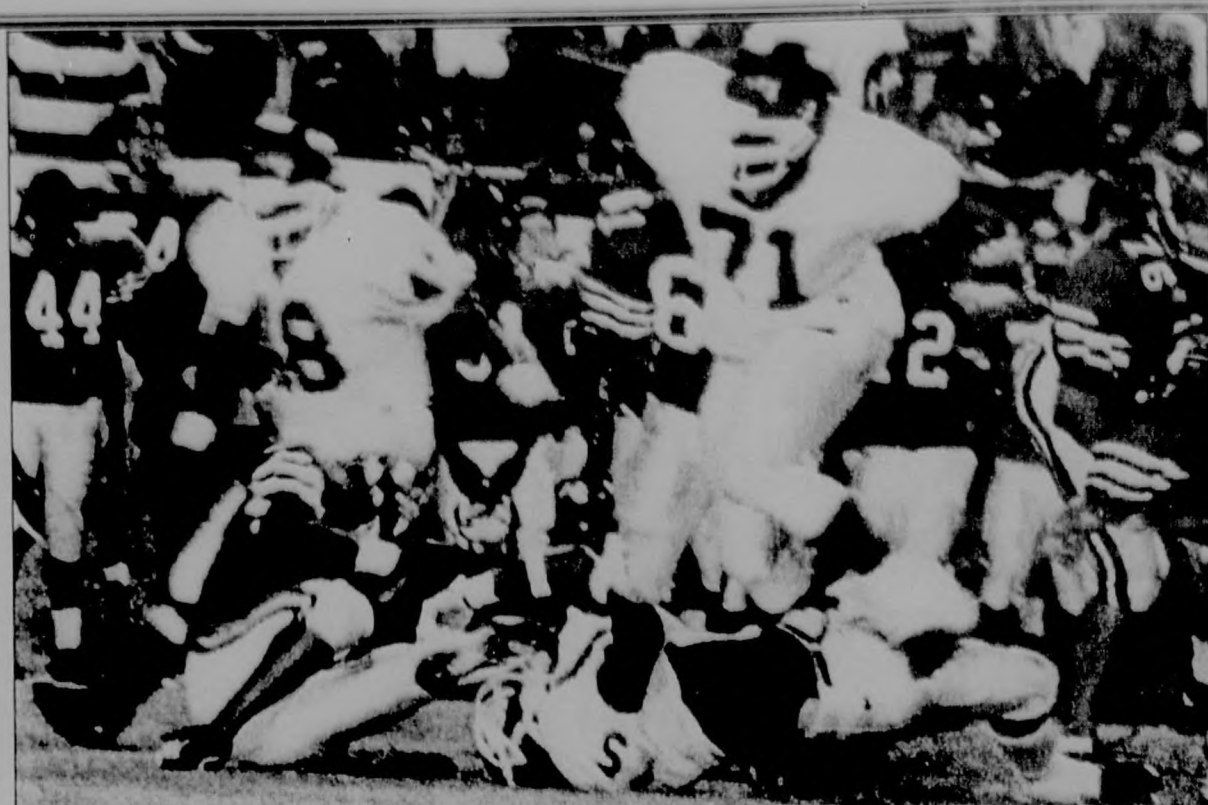
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Brantley's Darrell Owens (5) trips up a Luverne running back as teammates Gregory Daniels (48) and Jamie Cooper (71) arrive at the scene. The Bulldogs downed cross-county rival Luverne Friday night 34-13 to improve their record to 5-0 on the season.

Brantley buries Luverne 34-13

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

Last season the Luverne Tigers defeated the Brantley Bulldogs 12-6 to hand the eventual 1A state champions one of their two losses during the regular season. Friday night the Bulldogs got their revenge in a big way by dominating the 3A Tigers and posting a lopsided 34-13 win.

Brantley raced out to a 20-0 half-time lead and never looked back as Andy Johnson passed for 2 touchdowns and rushed for another to spark the potent Brantley offensive attack.

Bo Daniels set up the first score of the night with a 30-yard punt return that put the Bulldogs in business at the Luverne 45-yardline. Nine plays later, Daniels took a toss around the right end and dove into the endzone from four yards out to put Brantley on the scoreboard.

Gregory Daniels added the extra-point and with 4:42 left in the first quarter Brantley was off and running with a 7-0 lead.

Brantley's Chauncey Burnett recovered a Luverne fumble at the Tiger 14-yardline on the ensuing kickoff, but this time the Bulldogs were unable to cash in on the scoring opportunity as two plays later Brantley fumbled the ball back to the Tigers.

Luverne moved the chains twice on its ensuing possession, but saw the drive come to an abrupt halt when Bo Daniels intercepted a Justin Moody pass just past midfield and returned the pick-off 15 yards to the Tiger 40-yardline.

Andy Johnson hit Gregory Daniels on a 31-yard pass from first down to get the Bulldogs within the shadows of the goal post, and on the next play Darrell Owens barreled his way for 8 yards to the Luverne 1-yardline. Andy Johnson sneaked over on the next play to put the Bulldogs back in the endzone, and although the extra-point try failed, Brantley was on top 13-0 with 10:52 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley regained possession late in the half at the Luverne 32-yardline following a short Tiger punt, and four plays later had its third touchdown of the night, with the score coming on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Andy Johnson to Zack Burnett. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 3:13 left in the half the Bulldogs were in command with a 20-0 advantage.

Luverne threatened to get on the scoreboard on its very next snap when Jimmy Ballard broke loose and raced into the Bulldog secondary. The Tiger excitement didn't last for long, however, as Javaree Cooper made a touchdown-saving tackle that also caused a fumble, and Brantley's Shaun Person pounced on the fumble to end the Luverne scoring threat.

Bo Daniels recovered a Jimmy Ballard fumble at the Luverne 41-yardline early in the second half, and this time it took the Bulldogs only six plays to cover the distance to the endzone. Darrell Owens gained 40 yards on 4 carries during the scoring drive, and picked his way through the defense for the final five yards and the touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point and Brantley's lead was up to 27-0 with 8:10 remaining in the third quarter.

Luverne finally got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter following a Brantley fumble, as the Tigers marched 52 yards in six plays. Justin Moody scored the touchdown on a 10-yard scamper, and Dee Crittenden tackled on the extra-point, as Luverne pulled within 27-7 with 2:17 left in the third quarter.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 45-yardline following an exchange of punts, and on first down Andy Johnson dropped back looking for Zack Burnett. Burnett went high to take the pass away from a Luverne defender and then raced into the endzone for the exciting 55-yard touchdown play. Gregory Daniels again booted the p.a.t. as the Bulldogs' lead went to 34-7 with 7:29 remaining in the game.

With less than two minutes left in the game, one of the strangest plays of the season took place, that eventually led to the Tigers' second score of the night.

Justin Moody rolled right and passed down field, where Zack Burnett intercepted the toss and headed back up the field on a 40-yard return. Burnett fumbled the ball after being hit, however, and Moody scooped up the loose ball and raced 65 yards up the sidelines before being caught from behind by Shaun Person inside the Brantley 1-yardline. Jimmy Ballard scored on the next play, but the extra-point try failed, and the Bulldogs left with the impressive 34-13 win.

Bo Daniels recorded another fine game for the Bulldogs with 67 return yards, 58 rushing yards, one fumble recovery, one interception and one "ROSS!"

Darrell Owens gained 59 yards on 10 carries to aid the Brantley offensive attack, while Zack Burnett had 3 catches for 75 yards and two touchdowns.

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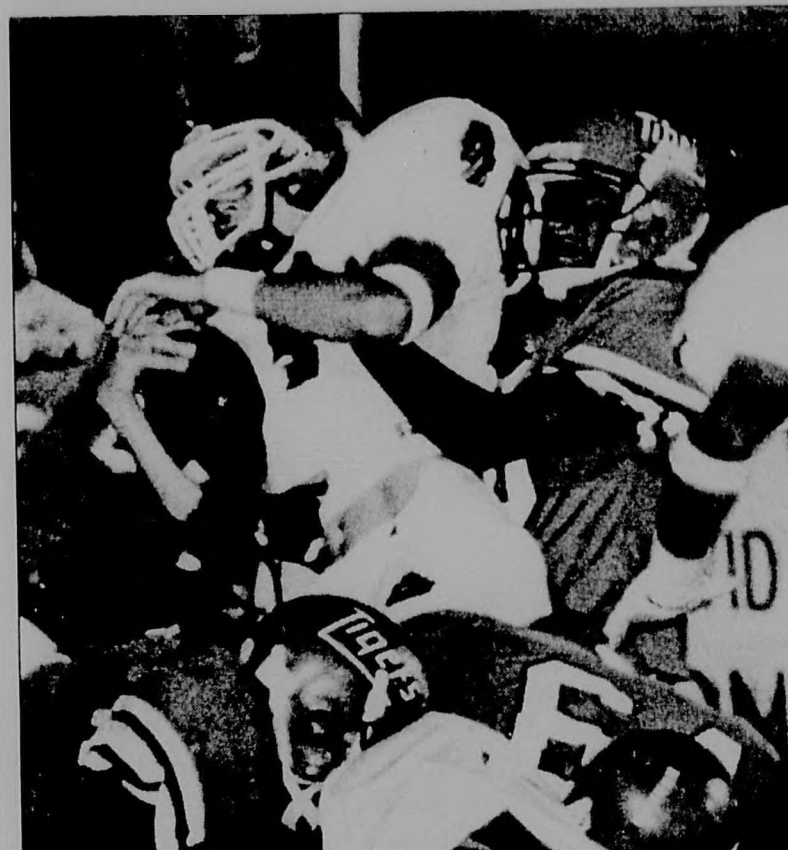


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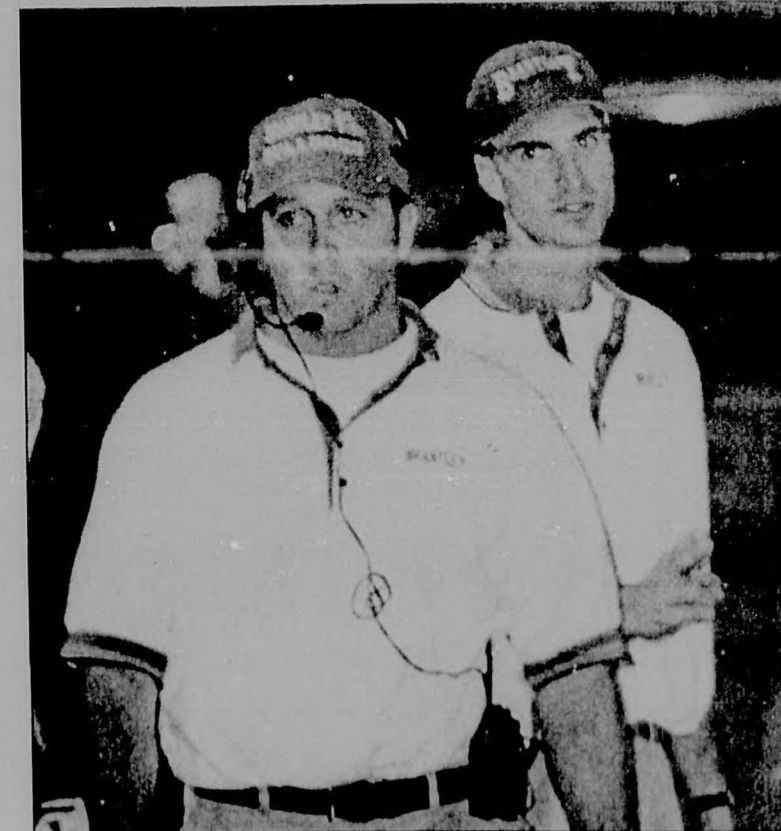
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Brantley quarterback Andy Johnson (4) sneaks over the top of the Luverne defense to score a touchdown in the Bulldogs' big 34-13 win over the 3A Tigers. Johnson also tossed two touchdown passes for the Bulldogs as Brantley upped its record to 5-0 for the season.



Brantley coaches (l-r) Ashley Kilcrease and Chad Carpenter keep an eye on the action in last week's cross-county battle with the Luverne Tigers. Brantley will travel to Frisco City this week for a battle with the Whippets.

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SPORTS

Early Bulldog lead not enough as Long rallies to claim 54-12 win over Kinston

From Staff Reports

The Kinston Bulldogs stunned the undefeated G.W. Long Rebels Friday night by scoring two early touchdowns to grab a 12-0 lead. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the Rebels quickly settled down and went on to score the next 54 points of the night as they pulled away and posted a lopsided 54-12 win over their visitors from Coffee County.

The loss dropped Kinston's record to 0-5, while G.W. Long improved to 5-0 with the win.

Kinston received the opening kickoff and shocked the Rebels and their large "Homecoming" crowd as Bishop Edwards fielded the kick at the 20-yardline and raced 80 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked, but with only 18-seconds gone on the clock the Kinston Bulldogs were already in front 6-0.

Kinston got the ball right back near midfield on a pass interception by Bo Driggers, and continued their early dominance over the highly-touted Rebels by driving 48 yards for a touchdown.

The Bulldogs' scoring drive was highlighted by the running of Bo Driggers, Kyle Waters and Bishop Edwards, while the score came on a 20-yard pass from Edwards to Tim Whigham. A two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Kinston with a shocking 12-0 lead over G.W. Long with 3:21 remaining in the opening stanza.

G.W. Long called a time-out prior to the ensuing kickoff, but while the time-out may have served as a wake-up call for the Rebels, it

did little to slow down the Bulldogs, as Kinston got the ball right back on a fumble recovery by Bo Driggers.

Kinston gave the ball right back on a fumble of its own; however, and this time the Rebels quickly marched into the endzone to get on the scoreboard. The score came on a short run by James Truitt, and Rodney Newman added the extra-point, as G.W. Long cut the Kinston lead to 12-7 with 5:4 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs failed to move the chains on their next possession and were forced to punt. G.W. Long's Lorenzo Williams pulled in the punt at the Bulldog 40-yardline, and broke numerous tackles as he scampered 40 yards for a Rebel score. Newman tacked on the extra-point, and with 10:52 left in the second quarter G.W. Long had taken the lead at 14-12.

Kinston gave the ball back to the Rebels on another fumble at the Bulldog 35-yardline on its next offensive series, and once again G.W. Long needed little time to get into the endzone.

The Rebels covered the 35 yards to the endzone in just two plays, and got the score on a short run by Lorenzo Williams. Newman added the extra-point as G.W. Long moved on top 21-12 with 9:11 still left in the second quarter.

Kinston's Daniel Davis appeared to recover a Rebel fumble at the Bulldog 14-yardline to stop a Rebel scoring threat late in the half, but after a discussion it was determined that the fumble had occurred after the play had been whistled dead.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders hang up signs prior to the start of last week's battle against the G.W. Long Rebels. Kinston will host Florala Friday night in their annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is 7:30 PM.

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and G.W. Long remained in possession. The Rebels' Jeff Williams scored two plays later on a short run and Newman again tacked on the extra-point as the Rebels increased their lead to 28-12 with 1:18 remaining in the second quarter.

Kinston kicked off to open the second half, and the Rebels picked up right where they had left off in the first half, as Lorenzo Williams fielded the kick at the 15-yardline and raced 85 yards for a Long touchdown. Newman booted the p.a.t. and with 11:42 left in the third quarter G.W. Long had blown the game open by taking a big 35-12 advantage.

Kinston gambled with a fake punt on fourth down on its next possession, but the Rebels took over at the Bulldog 35-yardline after the fake failed to gain the needed yardage, and one play later the Rebels were back in the endzone as Lorenzo Williams broke loose and scampered into the endzone. The extra-point try failed after a 15-yard penalty backed the Rebels up for the p.a.t. attempt, but it made little difference as G.W. Long was in command with a 41-12 lead with 7:31 still left in the third quarter.

G.W. Long put the ball in play on its own 22-yardline following a Kinston punt, and this time marched 75 yards for its final points of the night. The score came on a run by Eric Long, and Rodney Newman added the extra-point, as the Rebels' lead ballooned to 54-12 with 9:54 still left in the game.

The teams swapped turnovers during the final minutes of the night, and at the final horn it was G.W. Long that had the win 54-12. Bishop Edwards gained 39 yards on 19 carries, hit on 9 of 17 passes for 41 yards and returned a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown to spark the Bulldog offense, while Kyle Waters added 15 yards on 4 carries. Leading tacklers were Ryan Anderson with 6 tackles and 4 assists, and Bishop Edwards with 5 stops and 1 assist.

The Kinston Bulldogs battled the unbeaten Rebels without the services of injured starters Ricky Morris, Robert Whaley and Jonathan Wiggins. However, all three are expected to return next week, and their return should spark the Bulldogs as they try to put an end to their 16-game losing streak.

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Kinston's Bishop Edwards (5) is off and running with the opening kickoff in last week's Bulldog battle against the G.W. Long Rebels. Edwards returned the opening kick 80 yards for a touchdown to put Kinston on top 6-0 early. The Bulldogs will celebrate "Homecoming '99" Friday night when they host the Florala Wildcats. Kickoff is set for 7:30 PM.

Kinston and New Brockton to celebrate homecoming Friday night, Brantley on road for key Class 1A, Area 3 clash

The high school football season moves into week #6 Friday night, and for teams in the area it looks like another exciting week of action as New Brockton and Kinston both celebrate "Homecoming," and Brantley packs its bags for a long trip to Frisco City and a battle with the Whippets in an important Class 1A, Area 3 clash.

Following are previews of this week's action:

BRANTLEY AT FRISCO CITY

The (5-0) Brantley Bulldogs will look to remain unbeaten and improve to 2-0 in Area 3 play Friday night when they travel to Frisco City to battle the (0-5) Frisco City Whippets. The Bulldogs went to the airways last week in posting a big 34-13 win over 3A Luverne, and with the addition of Andy Johnson's passing attack to the already solid 1-2 running punch of Bo Daniels and Darrell Owens, Brantley's offense appears to be ready to take off. The Bulldog defense was also impressive against the Tigers, and after five weeks Brantley is right off track in its bid to repeat as 1A champs. The Whippets have been one of the state's top small school programs for many years, but the Whippets have struggled through five straight weeks of misery in '99 and will enter the key Area 3 clash with an 0-5 slate. Frisco City's losses have come to Excel 20-0, J.F. Shields 26-24 (overtime), Sweet Water 32-6, Florala 41-10 and Goshen 43-14.

in all five losses it has been the Whippet defense that has been pushed around to the tune of 32 points per game. This game looks like another Brantley blow-out on paper, but the Whippets have always played the Bulldogs tough, and Brantley will have to be at its best to leave with its record still in tact.

SAMSON AT NEW BROCKTON

The (2-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will try to put an end to their two-week homecoming celebration Friday night when they tangle with the (2-3) Samson Tigers, in Gamecock Stadium. The Gamecocks had an unexpected week off last week in receiving a forfeit over Zion Chapel, and while the Gamecocks might not have wanted the week off, the extra week of practice may have been just what New Brockton really needed as they head down the stretch toward a berth in the 2A playoffs. Samson will bring a less than impressive 2-3 slate into this week's clash, with its wins coming over (0-5) Kinston 38-15 and (1-4) Slocomb 8-6, and its losses coming to Florala 36-20, Geneva County 34-18 and Geneva 35-7. The Tigers have surrendered a lot of points throughout the season (30 points per game in its last four games), but have also shown they can put points on the scoreboard (76 points in three-game stretch against Florala, Geneva County and Kinston), and are dangerous to any and all

opponents. If the New Brockton defense can slow down the Tigers it could be an easy win, but then again, nothing comes easy in football, and this one might just be a shoot-out for the Gamecocks and their homecoming crowd.

FLORALA AT KINSTON

The (0-5) Kinston Bulldogs will celebrate "Homecoming" Friday night when they host the always dangerous (2-3) Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs have seen their long losing streak reach 16 games this season with five straight regular season defeats. However, Kinston did show signs of life by leading Samson 15-12 after two quarters and jumping out to a 12-0 lead over undefeated G.W. Long a week ago. The Bulldogs' Bishop Edwards has taken his play up a notch in recent weeks, and his leadership may be the spark the Bulldogs need down the stretch. Florala was expected to field another powerhouse in '99, but the Wildcats have struggled and after five weeks of action have wins over Samson 36-20 and Louisville 39-6, and losses to Red Level 14-13, Georgiana 7-6 and Straughn 32-22. The "Cats" have been able to win when they can use their speed, but have struggled against physical and aggressive teams. This one looks like another Bulldog loss on paper, but Kinston has already shown it can play well at times, and is determined to put four quarters together this week.

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STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON OCTOBER 12, 1999

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 1999 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama, set forth herein as Act No. 99-08, and further ordered in SJR4 that such election be held on October 12, 1999, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 99-08 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, by the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

ALABAMA LAW (Regular Session, 1999)

Act No. 99-08
H. 73 - By Reps. Black (M), Hawk, Guinn, Newton (D), Page, Lindsey, Guin, Garrothers, Baker, Graham, Knight, Gipson, Oden, Boothe, Dean, Hilliard and Hammett

ENROLLED, AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama Education Lottery; to establish an Alabama Education Lottery Corporation; to establish the Lottery Trust Fund; to provide for the allocation of the lottery proceeds to fund: (1) tuition grants, loans, or scholarships for colleges, universities, and junior technical, or community colleges; (2) voluntary pre-kindergarten programs; (3) technology in the public schools; (4) a reserve fund for shortfalls in these programs; (5) and any other purposes; and to authorize the Legislature to implement the amendment through enabling legislation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 65 of Article IV of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 65.
"(a) Except as provided in Part II of this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize lotteries or gift enterprises for any purposes, and shall pass laws to prohibit the sale in this state of lottery or gift enterprise tickets, or tickets in any scheme in the nature of a lottery; and all acts, or parts of acts, relating to such lotteries or gift enterprises, and all acts authorizing the sale of lottery or gift enterprise tickets, or tickets in any scheme in the nature of a lottery, are hereby avoided.

"PART II.
"(a) Establishment of an Alabama Education Lottery.
"The Legislature shall provide for the establishment, administration, operation, and regulation of an Alabama Education Lottery.

"(b) Replacement of Existing Education Funds Prohibited.
"Funds deposited into the Education Trust Fund which are derived from the Alabama Education Lottery shall not replace or supplant existing or any other funds dedicated or intended for the purposes of such Fund.

"(c) Lottery Trust Fund.
"The proceeds from the Alabama Education Lottery shall be applied first to the payment of the expenses of administering and operating the Alabama Education Lottery, including, without limitation, the payment of all prizes, without any further appropriation required by law, and the balance of such proceeds remaining after such payments shall be deposited as provided by general law, and held in a special, separate account in the State Treasury hereinafter designated the "Lottery Trust Fund" until such time as such proceeds are disbursed pursuant to this amendment.

"(d) Alabama Education Lottery Corporation.
"The administration of the Alabama Education Lottery shall be vested in a corporation hereby created and designated the "Alabama Education Lottery Corporation." The duties, powers, authority, and composition of the Alabama Education Lottery Corporation shall be provided by general law.

"(e) Allocations and Disbursements.
"(1) Monies in the Lottery Trust Fund shall be allocated and disbursed in the following order and for the following purposes: (A) First, to fully fund the Alabama HOPE Scholarship Program, which shall provide tuition grants, scholarships, or loans

to citizens of Alabama, as established by the Legislature, to enable such citizens to attend universities, colleges, and junior, technical, or community colleges located in Alabama; (b) Second, to fully fund a voluntary pre-kindergarten program for Alabama children; (c) Third, to fund the provision of technology in the public schools with funding divided on the basis of average daily membership in each public school system; and (d) Fourth, to establish a reserve fund of not less than 10 percent of the monies needed to fund purposes (A), (B), and (C) for the preceding fiscal year.

"(2) The revenues received by the Lottery Trust Fund in any year that are in excess of the amounts needed to fund the purposes of subdivision (1) shall be allocated and paid to the Education Trust Fund and the use of such funds shall be strictly limited to educational purposes.

"(3) All interest earnings on monies in the Lottery Trust Fund shall be held in the fund and allocated and disbursed only for those items enumerated in subsection (e).

"(4) Limitation on activities.
"The Alabama Education Lottery may authorize, conduct, employ, include, or utilize only those games of chance approved by the Alabama Education Lottery Corporation which may include, without limitation, the sale of lottery tickets; provided, however, that the Alabama Education Lottery is prohibited from operating, using, or employing, or authorizing the operation, use, or employment of, directly or indirectly, a casino or casinos and is further prohibited from authorizing, conducting, employing, including, or utilizing, directly or indirectly, any form of casino gambling.

"(5) Implementation.
"The Legislature may enforce and implement this section by appropriate general law. Any act or acts that are enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the same session of the Legislature at which this amendment is proposed and which are in implementation and furtherance of the purposes of this amendment and the authority granted by this amendment, and all acts heretofore taken pursuant to such act or acts, are hereby validated, ratified, and confirmed as effective as of the date on which such act or acts were so enacted in accordance with the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and as of the respective dates on which such acts were taken.

"(6) Nothing in this amendment prohibits, or limits any activity which was legal at the time this amendment becomes effective including, without limitation, participation in lotteries and nonprofit gaming as provided by specific laws.

"(7) The terms and provisions of this amendment and of any enabling legislation enacted by the Alabama Legislature with respect to this amendment shall supersede and take precedence over any other provision of law which may conflict with this amendment, and this amendment shall operate and be construed with regard to such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 2. An election upon the above proposed amendment shall be held, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the general election laws of Alabama. Notice of the election and of the proposed amendment shall be given by proclamation of the Governor, which proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper in each county of the state.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall assign this proposed constitutional amendment as ballot position Number One on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description on the proposed constitutional amendment:
"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama HOPE Scholarship Program for colleges and universities, and junior, technical, or community colleges, to fund voluntary pre-kindergarten programs, to fund technology in the public schools; to create an Alabama Education Lottery Corporation to regulate and administer the lottery to prohibit the operation of casinos; to limit the expenditure of the proceeds to specified education and scholarship purposes; to require the proceeds to be used to increase funding for education and not to take the place of existing education revenues; and to allow the Legislature to implement the Alabama Education Lottery through appropriate general law."

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()"

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House March 9, 1999.

Passed the Senate April 14, 1999.

Greg Pappas
Clerk of the House

I further direct and proclaim that

notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 of the State of Alabama, be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1999, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county in the state. In every county in which no newspaper is published, a copy of the notice shall be posted at each courthouse and post office in such county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this 18th day of August, 1999.

Don Siegelman
GOVERNOR

Jim Bennett
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 1999 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and further ordered in SJR 94 that such election be held on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 99-08 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, by the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

ALABAMA LAW (Regular Session, 1999)

Act No. 99-194
S. 84 - By Senator McCallin

ENROLLED, AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to phase out existing superannuation programs and provide that public officials may participate in the Employees' Retirement System.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

Section 2. An election upon the above proposed amendment shall be held, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the general election laws of Alabama. Notice of the election and of the proposed amendment shall be given by proclamation of the Governor, which proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper in each county of the state.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall assign this proposed constitutional amendment as ballot position Number One on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description on the proposed constitutional amendment:
"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama HOPE Scholarship Program for colleges and universities, and junior, technical, or community colleges, to fund voluntary pre-kindergarten programs, to fund technology in the public schools; to create an Alabama Education Lottery Corporation to regulate and administer the lottery to prohibit the operation of casinos; to limit the expenditure of the proceeds to specified education and scholarship purposes; to require the proceeds to be used to increase funding for education and not to take the place of existing education revenues; and to allow the Legislature to implement the Alabama Education Lottery through appropriate general law."

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()"

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House March 9, 1999.

Passed the Senate April 14, 1999.

Greg Pappas
Clerk of the House

I further direct and proclaim that

Alabama of 1901, to phase out the superannuation system for public officials and to provide for the participation of public officials in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama.

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This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()"

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate April 14, 1999.

Passed the House May 11, 1999.

McDowell Lee
Secretary of Senate

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 of the State of Alabama, be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1999, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county in the state. In every county in which no newspaper is published, a copy of the notice shall be posted at each courthouse and post office in such county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this 18th day of August, 1999.

Don Siegelman
GOVERNOR

Jim Bennett
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 99-08 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, by the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

ALABAMA LAW (Regular Session, 1999)

Act No. 99-408
S. 13 - By Senator Steele

ENROLLED, AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, providing, subject to voter approval, that the Legislature may by local law provide for an elected city board of education in any municipality with a city board of education; and validating certain laws and referendum elections for purposes of this amendment.

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

Section 2. An election upon the above proposed amendment shall be held, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the general election laws of Alabama. Notice of the election and of the proposed amendment shall be given by proclamation of the Governor, which proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper in each county of the state.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()"

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House March 9, 1999.

Passed the Senate April 14, 1999.

Greg Pappas
Clerk of the House

I further direct and proclaim that

THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

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The results of any authorizing referendum election called pursuant to this amendment shall be reported to the Legislature, which shall maintain a continuing record of those results for public inspection.

It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersede any and all laws, ordinances, or resolutions which may be construed as being in conflict with this amendment.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323 is accepting bids to elevate the residence located at 1223 Ann Street with the City of Elba. The following specifications are provided:

Elevate residence sixteen (16) inches (An upward variance is acceptable if mortar joints are necessary).

9-16,23,30chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM PATTON, JR., DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC-99-56

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of September, 1999, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jack Davis and wife



ELBA LEVEE was the subject of a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting. Charles Owens, center, of the Mobile office of the Corp of Engineers, addressed the Rotarians and presented a rough timetable on the planned \$12 million rebuild of the Elba levee. Owens told Rotarians that the Corp would be completed with all their design work and ready to go to bid on the project by late summer or early next fall. It will take 18 to 24 months to complete the project, depending upon weather conditions. He added that all time lines were contingent upon the U.S. Congress approving the additional funding for the project. At present, the design work is being done with an original \$5 million federal appropriation to the Corp. It was supplemented with a \$100,000 grant from the State of Alabama, funded through the Choc-Pea River Watershed Authority. Owens said last week that the funding problem in Washington could possibly delay the start of the project, but only by a few months.

Shown with Owens is left, Program Chairman Charles Hayes III and Elba Mayor James Grimes, right.

ROADS

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664. He noted that funds were not included in the "proposed budget" for the paving of this road and he questioned how it could be skipped over and not funded along with Co. Rd. 664.

He then offered an amendment to the amendment that Co. Rd. 601 be included in the funding for paving during the next fiscal year.

After several minutes of discussing the correct procedure in handling the motions on the floor, the votes were taken. They were as follows:

• Amendment to include funds (borrowed) in the "proposed budget" for paving Co. Rd. 664 - Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Doug Dalrymple, Tom Grimsley and Robert Stephens voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Kayo Lewis, Len Averett and Linda Westbrook opposed the motion.

• Amendment to include funds (borrowed) in the "proposed budget" for paving Co. Rd. 601 - Commissioners Brooks, Lewis, Stephens, Dalrymple and Averett voted for the motion. Commissioners Westbrook and Grimsley opposed the motion.

Finally, the vote on the budget, with the amendments, was as follows: Commissioners Lewis, Brooks, Grimsley, Westbrook and Dalrymple approved. Commissioners Stephens and Averett disapproved.

In connection with the budget, Commissioner Stephens proposed that next year, the 2000-2001 budget be printed in the local newspapers to allow the general public to review it prior to its approval by the commission.

"It's the taxpayers' money and they ought to

know what's going on," he said. All of the commissioners concurred with Stephens and approved his proposal.

Chris Foley addressed the commission concerning the maintenance and upkeep of the Elba Courthouse. He submitted a list of proposals which included the improving of the existing landscaping, replacing the present grass with a low maintenance grass, installation of a sprinkler system, repairing of the curbs and sidewalks, installation of an automatic door for the handicapped, and "hiding" the trash and garbage cans.

It was noted by Mobley that present plans are to send out bids for the lawn care at the Elba Courthouse. No comments were made on Foley's proposals.

The opening and awarding of several annual bids consumed almost an hour of the commission meeting. The following is a list of the bids awarded by the commission. They were: Fuel (gasoline and low sulfur diesel) - Heath Gulf Oil of Enterprise at .008¢ per gallon below the state bid price; CRS-2 Emulsified asphalt - Ergon, Inc. of Montgomery at .4603¢ per gallon; Prime (MC-70) - Ergon, Inc. of Montgomery at .7105¢ per gallon; Crushed stone (#78, #5, Class 1 & II Rip-rap) - Southeast Materials of Birmingham, AL; Herbicides: Round-Up at \$36.95 for 2-1/2 gal. and Rodeo at \$77.90 for 2-1/2 gal. went to Red River of Pelham, AL; MSNA at \$14.95 for 2-1/2 gal. and Garlon 3A at \$63.20 for 2-1/2 gal. and 2-4D at \$10.50 for 2-1/2 gal. went to Helena of Dothan, AL; Oust at \$174 for 3 lbs. went to Dixie Ag of Kinston, AL; Seeds,

fertilizing & spreading went to the Coffee County Farm Co-Op in Elba for lime at \$25.59 per ton and fertilizer at \$188.89 per ton; Filter blanket went to Sherman Concrete Pipe of Dothan for .60¢ per sq. yd.; Steel pipe went to Gulf Atlanta Culvert of Tallahassee, FL at a 60% discount on previous annual bid.

The annual bids for supplying traffic signs and the hauling of road building materials were tabled for further review by the county engineer.

In other matters coming before the commission, the following actions were taken:

• Approved phase two of the Kidron Valley Subdivision.

• Passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with the state department of transportation to resurface Co. Rd. 474 from AL Hwy. 189 to Co. Rd. 460.

• Signed a resolution to seek federal funding to resurface Co. Rd. 636 from Asbury to Fairview.

• Voted to send out bid invitations on paper products used by the county since the annual cost of these type items exceeds \$7,500. This was recommended by state auditors.

• Designated The Peoples Bank as the depository for county funds. Interest rate on cash deposits will be 5.5 percent and the loan interest rate was set at 5.5 percent also.

• Adopted the use of revised step plan to set the scale for pay increases for county employees. This was recommended by an Auburn University study.

• Awarded the bid for the renovation of the New Hope Senior Citizens Center to Russell Construction of Elba contingent on the approval by ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs). Their bid was \$149,750.

• Approved the purchase of new chairs for the Elba Adult Day-care Center. The old chairs will be used in voting houses located out in the county.

• Signed a resolution to guarantee matching funds for any grants received for development and/or improvement to senior citizen centers in the communities of Pine Level and Damascus.

DORSEY—

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Area News



LOCAL SCHOOLS RECEIVE ARTS GRANT...The Alabama State Council on the Arts recently presented grant funds totaling \$10,000 to be divided among the county's three school systems - Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County. The money, equally divided among the schools, will be used to purchase art supplies - paint, brushes, etc. - for the students. The Elba and Coffee County systems will use the money in grades K-6 while Enterprise will use their share of the funds in grades 7-12. Making the presentation was the state legislative delegation from Coffee County. Pictured above (l-r) are: State Representative Terry Spicer, State Senator Jimmy Holley, Enterprise Superintendent Thad Morgan, County Superintendent Rodger Bowden and Elba Superintendent Charles Pearce.

National Gas Week proclaimed



The Southeast Alabama Gas District will observe Natural Gas Week October 4-8 along with hundreds of other natural gas systems across the nation. Natural gas week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of public gas. The Southeast Alabama Gas District is a publicly-owned system serving 15 member towns of which includes Elba. Pictured is Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (center) as he presents a proclamation to Elba City Councilman Waylon Sharpless (left), the city's representative on the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board. Randy Castleberry (right), representing the Southeast Alabama Gas District, looks on.

Elba Christmas Festival planned for November 27th

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present its 12th Annual Christmas Festival, "Catch the Holiday Spirit," Saturday, Nov. 27, on the square in downtown Elba. The day will be filled with lots of fun, entertainment, arts & crafts and food as the spirit of Christmas fills the air with excitement. This day long event will conclude with the enchanting Christmas parade through the streets of Elba and a very special lights ceremony as we "light up" Elba's square with the inviting colors of Christmas.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this year's Christmas Festival should contact the following people: Entertainment - Denise Sauls (897-8827); Art & Crafts - Joan Ward (897-2475); Parade - Jimmy Harrison (897-8591); Merchant Involvement - Pearl Reeves (897-2048); Sponsor a Tree - Elba Chamber of Commerce (897-3125).



Derrick Manning caught this stringer of "Crappie" while doing a little fishing at Lake Eufula last weekend.

ESJC receives 1997-98 audit

Enterprise State Junior College recently received its 1997-98 audit report which indicated no findings, according to Lola L. Allen, Director, and Jody Upchurch, Analyst for the examiners of public accounts. Dr. Stafford Thompson, ESJC President, also received a letter from Chancellor Fred Gairous of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education in which offered his congratulations to the college.

A copy of the report is sent to the members of the Alabama State Board of Education, the governing body for the state's two-year college system.



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Eye, Aye, I-It's Still All About Me

Dear Mr. Ross: My hands are tied and I don't know what to do. I can't keep helping my mother every time she has a crisis! What does she expect? One day it's the car broke down. Then the furnace goes or the roof leaks. On and on, expense after expense. This last one, she lost her glasses! She has only had those glasses for 6 years.

It's not like I don't have expenses of my own. I drive a car. I have insurance. I eat groceries. I have a mortgage. Some day my roof might leak and where will the money come from to fix it? Surely not out of my mother's estate. I'll be lucky if there's enough money to bury her. I'm single, 49 and not the CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. Each year it's getting harder and harder to meet expenses. A gift of \$300 would be a burden off my budgeted money.

Ms. P. D. ... *Telegram*, Columbus, NE

Dear Ms. D.: Times might be a bit tough, but that hardly necessitates such a begrudging attitude. Here's \$300 to get your mother's new glasses. I only hope after she starts wearing them, she doesn't see you for who you really are.

Dear Mr. Ross: At first your column annoyed me. You passing out money and feeling good about yourself. I got sick of reading your "Percy To The Rescue" letters and quit reading it.

Years went by and then I started reading your column again. You haven't changed a bit. How long have you been a philanthropist-columnist? My next question is why would anyone do it that long? And my last question, how long are you going to continue?

Mr. D. R. ... *The News*, Hinkley, MN

Dear Mr. R.: Your annoyance is just a mask for your envy. If you could trade places with me, you'd occupy my desk by 7 o'clock tomorrow.

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

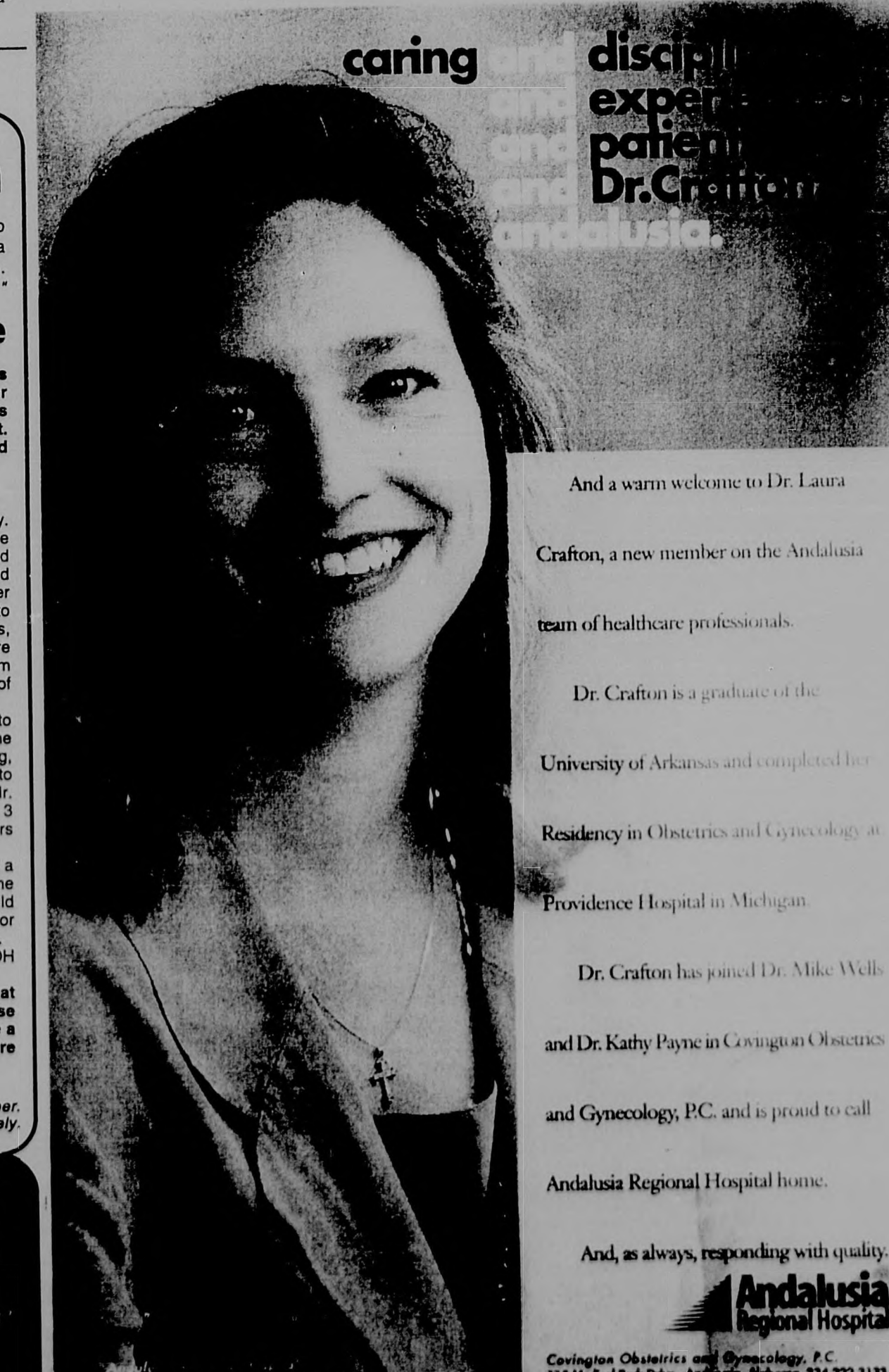
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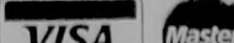
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Guerrero's collections uniquely represent the world's culture

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

It is not uncommon for people to decide to start a collection of things that are important or interesting to them, but when Martha Guerrero began collecting a part of culture some 48 years ago, it was not intentional.

"I never really intended to have collections," Guerrero said. "Joe and I were on our honeymoon in Mexico when I saw a nativity set that I liked, and he bought it for me."

And that's how she said it began. From that point on, every time the Guerrero's took a trip to another

country, Mr. Guerrero bought Mrs. Guerrero a new piece of art.

At present, Mrs. Guerrero said she has about 50 different nativity sets from all over the world.

"Every Christmas, without fail, Joe buys me a nativity," she said. "And, I mean a whole set."

Although her collections began with Nativity sets and it is her largest and favorite, Guerrero said nativity's are just the starting point.

She has two separate mouse collections. One is simply a mouse collection, and the other is her Christmas mouse collection which she says is also one of her favorites.

"My mouse collection began one year when a friend gave me one as

an anniversary gift," Guerrero said. "Then my daughter, who also travels a lot, began giving me a Christmas mouse each year. Now, I look forward to Christmas each year because I know I'm going to get a new mouse from my daughter."

Other interesting things Guerrero has collected through her years of travel include onyx elephants from Mexico; Mexican pottery, hand-carved musicians from Ecuador, a bird collection from El Salvador, Costa Rican art, animal collections from different countries, mud figures and collections of little houses, cars and coins. She also has a small Lladro collection which she said she hopes to continue to build.

Even though each collection is unique in its own way, it was her shell collections that brought recognition in the Southern California Shell Exposition when she was awarded the First Place Prize. Mrs. Guerrero said she was very surprised to have won that event but feels it was her unique display of the shells on black velvet that caught the eye of the judges. And, although she was very proud of her shell collections, Mrs. Guerrero said she has given most of them away throughout the years to people and organizations such as "Teen Challenge" in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Guerrero said she feels that she inherited her interest in art, as well as travel from her mother who spent many years of her life traveling to various locations around the world.

Now, she said she enjoys sharing her experiences and interests with others who have not had the pleasure of worldwide travel.

"I started doing displays with my collections in the library on the eastern shore (Maryland) where we lived for many years," said Guerrero. "When we moved here, I noticed the empty display case in the corridor of the library and asked if I could set up various displays for the people to see."

She said she does a different collection in the library each month and has noticed that people now stop and look to see what is on display when they enter the library.

"Many people have told me that they think it's interesting, especially the mice," Mrs. Guerrero said. She said an elephant display is next on her list for the library, and

this year she hopes to have a nativity continue increasing her collections



Mrs. Guerrero shows one of her Lladro pieces that sits over the fireplace. She said Lladro's art is very distinct because of the subtle colors used in the imagery. She hopes to continue to build her Lladro collection and one day display it at the library.

ty display at the library, as well as, at the Elba United Methodist Church.

"Last year, I displayed my nativity's at the church, and it took two big tables for all of them," she said.

"So, this year, I feel that I will have enough to have a display at both places for everyone to enjoy."

Mrs. Guerrero said she hopes to

for many years to come, and she looks forward to sharing the world's culture with the people of Elba through her art displays. Becoming a collector may not have been on her mind all those years ago, but she said she is certainly glad to have become a collector today.

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Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. For more information, call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

TSUD names 1999 summer quarter honor students

Troy State University Dothan recently announced the names of its students being named to the Dean's List and President's List for the 1999 Summer Quarter. Celeste Richards of Jack, Ala. was among the students being named to the Dean's List, and Cathy White, also of Jack, was named to the President's List.

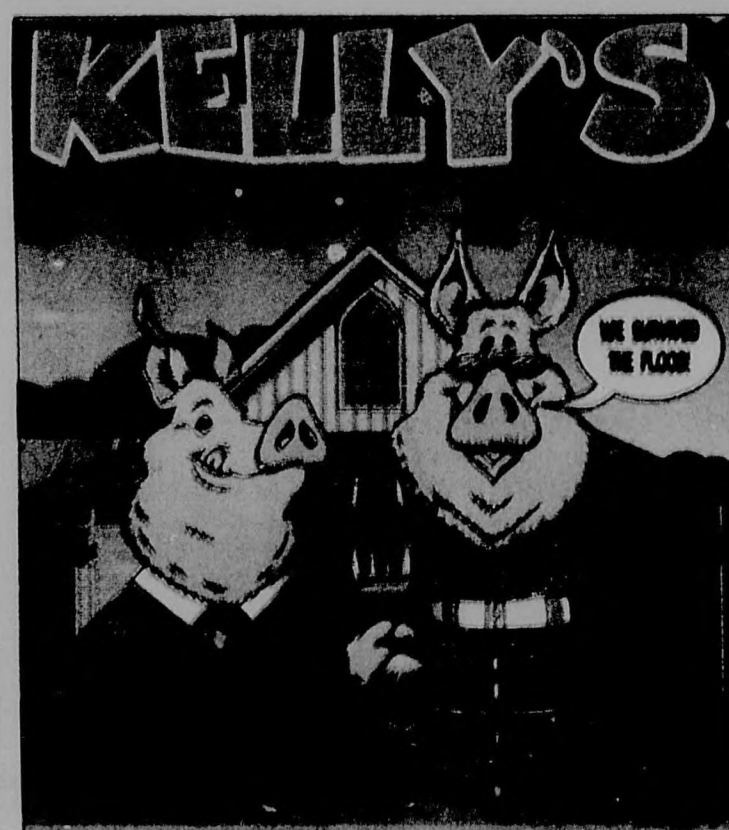
Elba's Christmas Festival will be Nov. 27th on the square

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present its 12th Annual Christmas Festival, "Catch the Holiday Spirit," Saturday, Nov. 27, on the square in downtown Elba. The day will be filled with lots of fun, entertainment, arts & crafts and food as the spirit of Christmas fills the air with excitement. This day long event will conclude with the enchanting Christmas parade through the streets of Elba and a very special lights ceremony as we "light up" Elba's square with the inviting colors of Christmas.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this year's Christmas Festival should contact the following people: Entertainment - Denise Sauls (897-8827); Arts & Crafts - Joan Ward (897-2475); Parade - Jimmy Harrison (897-8591); Merchant Involvement - Pearl Reeves (897-2048); Sponsor a Tree - Elba Chamber of Commerce (897-3125).



Martha Guerrero has been collecting art from around the world such as this Christmas mouse for the past 48 years. The mouse shown above is one that she considers to be a favorite.



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